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Zoning issue stalls marijuana shop

Plans for Hartford site downtown suffer major blow

By **Kenneth R. Gosselin**
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Plans to open Hartford's first recreational marijuana shop downtown suffered a major blow Tuesday after city lawyers agreed that the Capital Region Development Authority controlled zoning in the Front Street neighborhood, and not the city.

The city's department of development services had endorsed the proposal for adult-use cannabis sales at 89 Arch St. and the city's planning and zoning commission was in the midst of a hearing on the proposal

in June that drew strong objections from CRDA.

CRDA argued that it controlled zoning throughout Front Street, including 89 Arch, and the broader, surrounding Adriaen's Landing development district. The cannabis shop was not consistent with the area's family-focused entertainment, CRDA said.

Those objections touched off a debate over who had jurisdiction in the matter: CRDA or the city.

In a legal opinion presented at Tuesday's planning and zoning commission meeting, assistant corporation council Richard A. **Turn to Marijuana, Page 2**



The city of Hartford's first adult-use cannabis shop is proposed for the corner of Arch Street and Columbus Boulevard in the Front Street neighborhood. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

ETHNIC GROCERY STORES



Dwight Latif, co-owner of the family business, serves customers at the deli at the Tangiers. He runs the market and deli with his brothers Winston Latif and Zach Latif. **DOUGLAS HOOK PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT**

‘A point of reference’

Indian, Bosnian, Russian, Polish, British, Jamaican:
Getting a feel for cultural, religious communities in Connecticut

By **Susan Dunne** | Hartford Courant

To truly get a feel for the Hartford region's various ethnic and religious communities, a good place to go is its small grocery stores.

Traditional foods from a variety of cultures can be found at these stores. But for the communities the stores are made for, the shops are more than just places to buy food.

“It’s a point of reference. If people need jobs, if they need an apartment, if they want to meet friends,

they come here,” said Jessica Cazassa, whose mother owns Casa Brasil Grocery in Hartford. “It’s not just things that appeal to them. It’s the familiar grounds.”

At these stores, community members can read newspapers in their native languages. They can hear about community gatherings. They can find out where the houses of worship are. They bring people closer to their native culture and help them

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The Casa Brazil market in Hartford sells a variety of Brazilian food items. Staff member Carlos Zacarkim came to the United States four months ago.



Maruichi Japanese Food and Deli is an explosion of color, the shelves full of bright, cheerful and intriguing packaged foods from Japan and prepared meals by the staff.

ELECTION 2022

Senate hopefuls debate

3 CT GOP candidates vie for standing over electability vs. conservative bona fides

By **Christopher Keating**
Hartford Courant

Conservative Leora Levy and moderate Themis Klarides clashed repeatedly Tuesday night over guns, abortion and campaign contributions in the first Republican debate for the U.S. Senate primary.

Levy also accused the third candidate, conservative immigration attorney Peter Lumaj of Fairfield, of working in conjunction with Klarides in a joint move against Levy.

“I don’t know when you’re going to stop carrying the water for Ms. Klarides,” Levy said near the end of the 45-minute debate that was televised on the sister station of News Channel 8.

The candidates also battled over inflation and crime as they vied for votes of hard-core Republicans in the Aug. 9 primary. The candidates blamed President Joe Biden and U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal for multiple problems facing the nation, including the highest inflation rate in the past 40 years at 9.1%.

Both Lumaj and Levy said that they were the most conservative candidate in the race, while the moderate Klarides noted that she won 11 elections in a Democratic-leaning district when she served in the state legislature for 22 years. She noted that she is the only one among the three who has ever served in elected office.

“I am a loud-mouthed Greek girl, and I am the best candidate here to beat Dick Blumenthal,” Klarides declared.

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Alex Jones case

An attorney for the parents of one of the children killed in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting told jurors Wednesday that the Infowars host repeatedly “lied and attacked the parents of murdered children.” **Connecticut, Page 1**

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US courts Russia for Griner release

Blinken seeks call for deal on WNBA star, 2nd American

By **Matthew Lee and Eric Tucker**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. has offered a deal to Russia aimed at bringing home WNBA star Brittney Griner and another jailed American, Paul Whelan, Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Wednesday.

In a sharp reversal of previous policy, Blinken also said he expects to speak with his Kremlin counterpart for the first time since before Russia invaded Ukraine to discuss the deal and other matters.

Blinken's comments marked the first time the U.S. government has publicly revealed any concrete action it has taken to secure the release of Griner, who was arrested on drug-related charges at a Moscow airport in February and testified Wednesday at her trial. Though it is unclear

if the proposal will be enough for Russia to release the Americans, the public acknowledgment of the offer at a time when the U.S. has otherwise shunned Russia reflects the mounting pressure on the administration over Griner and Whelan and its determination to get them home.

“We put a substantial proposal on the table weeks ago to facilitate their release. Our governments have communicated

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Choate teacher terminated after probe into alleged sexual misconduct

By Ed Stannard
Hartford Courant

A chemistry teacher at Choate Rosemary Hall has been terminated after an investigation into alleged sexual misconduct decades ago.

Julie Oxborough-Yankus was terminated after a former student came forward, according to a letter sent to the Wallingford preparatory school community Tuesday.

“Choate recently received a report of alleged sexual misconduct by Ms. Oxborough-Yankus involving a former student while that student was enrolled at Choate,” the letter stated. The letter was signed by Alex Curtis, head of school, and Jennifer Karlen Elliott, head of student and academic life.

“Upon receiving the report, the School immediately placed Ms.

Oxborough-Yankus on administrative leave off campus, made reports to the appropriate state and local authorities, and commenced a third-party investigation into the allegations in accordance with our policies.” Frank Rudewicz of CliftonLarsonAllen in Boston was hired as the investigator. A message seeking comment was left at his office.

The letter said that the investigator then received “additional allegations of sexual misconduct by Ms. Oxborough-Yankus; all of the alleged misconduct occurred many years ago.” The letter did not say how many years ago.

The investigator, conducted “a thorough process,” and “on the basis of this information, Choate terminated Ms. Oxborough-Yankus’s employment,” the letter states.

It continued, “the safety of all members of our community is our highest priority, and we have no tolerance for inappropriate conduct by adults in our community. We remain steadfast in our commitment to provide a safe and supportive campus environment and to make student wellbeing paramount in all that we do.”

A spokesman for Choate said the school would have no further comment. Oxborough-Yankus could not be reached for comment. Wallingford police said they had no files on her.

The letter from Choate’s leadership said anyone with further information should contact Rudewicz at 860-604-7011 or Frank.Rudewicz@claconnect.com.

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Marijuana

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Vassallo, said CRDA correctly asserted that it had control over zoning at 89 Arch because it was part of the larger Adriaen’s Landing district but it “was a struggle to verify mostly due to the seeming unavailability of the documents.”

“Based on what has been finally provided by the CRDA,” including land and remediation surveys and a master development plan dating back to 2000 when Adriaen’s Landing was created, Vassallo wrote that 89 Arch is within the district and therefore, under CRDA’s jurisdiction.

But Vassallo emphasized the difficulty in making the determination, observing: “This writer suggests that transparency would benefit greatly from the CRDA posting and making readily available the controlling master development plan.”

The dispute placed CRDA at odds with the city, with whom it has consistently partnered on redevelopment projects in the past decade. The city had said the cannabis shop plans met zoning requirements, would boost tourism and foot traffic and encourage entrepreneurial, innovative businesses.

Derrick C. Gibbs Jr., a partner in the proposed cannabis shop, said, after the commission accepted the legal opinion Tuesday, that he was in shock at how the issue unfolded this summer.

Gibbs said he also was puzzled by CRDA’s suggestion of alternate locations in the city, including one that is in the new, North Crossing development near Dunkin’ Donuts Park. CRDA has said it was concerned about how the shop, among other things, would affect convention center bookings.

“Very strange that they are saying that Arch Street is family friendly but next to the Yard Goats stadium, that’s not family friendly?” Gibbs said. “We tried our best. We thought it was a

good location. We’ll go to another city. It’s not a big deal.”

Gibbs said he and his partners would not consider another site in Hartford.

“The way that this played out it put a bad taste in my mouth and my partners’,” Gibbs said.

Gibbs and one of his partners in the proposed venture, Carl Terilla Jr., told planning and zoning commission members in June that the store would be high-end, meeting all the requirements for a state license. They planned to purchase 89 Arch, the former location of Blind Pig Pizza.

This would include security inside and outside the store, the checking of IDs to make sure patrons were 21 or older and that no items would be visible from the street. There would be no advertising in windows or neon, flashing cannabis leaf signs.

Gibbs said he expected the typical customer would spend between \$100 and \$150 a visit. He said sales would mostly be preorders and by appointment. All products would be prepackaged with no odors and there would be no consumption on the premises, which is prohibited by state regulations.

“There were questions about whether this was going to be quote-unquote a hole-in-the-wall shop,” Gibbs said, at the hearing in June. “I can assure that is not going to be the case.”

More than two decades ago, Adriaen’s Landing was created by state lawmakers. That led to the development of the convention center, the Connecticut Science Center and Front Street, which includes restaurants, entertainment venues, apartments and a UConn regional campus.

CRDA and its predecessor, both quasi-public agencies, were given control to shape the development. CRDA says long-standing agreements prohibit such uses as check-cashing, pawn shops, firearms sellers, the sale of pornographic items, head shops — and cannabis sales.

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Mosquito carrying West Nile found in Hartford

HARTFORD — A mosquito carrying West Nile virus was trapped recently in Keney Park, according to the mayor’s office.

The office of Mayor Luke Bronin said Wednesday that state officials notified the city of that the mosquito carrying West Nile virus was trapped on July 19.

“West Nile virus has been detected in Connecticut every year since 1999,” the city’s statement said. “Today the City of Hartford thanked the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station for their work in detecting West Nile Virus, shared an FAQ regarding WNV, and urged residents to report any potential WNV infections to a health care professional.”

Citing the state, the city statement said “symptoms of WNV can range from a slight fever, headache, rash, swollen lymph nodes and nausea to the rapid onset of a severe headache, high fever, stiff neck, disorientation, muscle weakness, and coma.”

“West Nile Virus is very rare, but it’s good to be aware of disease and its symptoms, and we wanted to share this information with our community,” said Bronin, also in

the statement.

The city works to control the mosquito population to reduce the transmission of mosquito-borne diseases, treating its catch basins are treated twice over the summer, the statement said. “Keney Park is also treated, as its wooded environment provides mosquitoes an ideal breeding location.”

The city Department of Health and Human Services recommends these steps to avoid WNV or other mosquito-borne illnesses:

Preventing mosquito bites:

- Be aware that mosquitoes are most active between dusk and dawn and take preventative steps during that time.
- Be sure door and window screens are tight fitting and in good repair.
- Wear shoes, socks, long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt when outdoors for long periods, or when mosquitoes are most active. Clothing should be light colored and made of tightly woven materials that keep mosquitoes away from the skin.
- Use mosquito netting when sleeping outdoors or in an

unscreened structure and to protect small babies when outdoors.

- Use mosquito repellent, according to directions, when it is necessary to be outdoors.

Preventing mosquitoes at home:

- Dispose of water-holding containers such as ceramic pots, used tires, and tire swings.
- Drill holes in the bottom of containers such as those used for recycling.
- Clean clogged roof gutters.
- Turn over objects that may trap water when not in use such as wading pools and wheelbarrows.
- Change water in bird baths on a weekly basis.
- Use landscaping techniques to eliminate areas where water can collect on your property.

For more information: Hartford Department of Health and Human Services: (860) 757-4700; https://www.hartfordct.gov/Government/Departments/HHS; Connecticut Mosquito Management Program: http://www.ct.gov/mosquito

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FROM PAGE ONE



Three Republican candidates clashed in their only televised debate for the U.S. Senate primary on Aug. 9.

Debate

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While Klarides is a moderate who won the party’s convention endorsement in May, both Levy and Lumaj are running as pro-gun, pro-Trump Republicans. Klarides supporters say the two opponents will split the conservative vote, allowing Klarides to win the primary in two weeks.

Campaign contributions

The candidates clashed over whether Levy, arguably the state’s top Republican fundraiser in recent years, had previously contributed to Blumenthal, a Democrat.

While the topic of abortion was being discussed, Levy suddenly pivoted and said, “I never donated to Blumenthal. That is a lie. ... That is my husband.”

But Klarides doubled down, saying that Levy had not only contributed to Blumenthal but also to former U.S. Sen. Christopher J. Dodd, a liberal Democrat. Saying the political donations are public record, Klarides said that Levy needs to check the records more carefully.

“Again, what my husband does is my husband’s business,” Levy responded. “I don’t blame you for the rate hikes at Eversource. What your husband does is what your husband does. ... I never donated to Dick Blumenthal. It was my husband 25 years ago.”

Klarides’s husband, Greg Butler, serves as executive vice president and general counsel at Eversource, the well-known electric company. Butler, who considered running for governor in the past, is her top adviser and appeared constantly with her in early May during the Republican state convention at the Foxwoods Resort Casino. Levy has described Klarides as a “Hartford swamp creature” who accepted campaign contributions from

high-level executives at Eversource.

Abortion

The candidates also tangled on the controversial issue of abortion as Lumaj said that he has been consistently against abortion during his career, unlike Levy.

The landmark Roe v. Wade abortion case “was decided on shaky grounds,” Lumaj said. “The Supreme Court got it right this time. ... I agree with the decision of the Supreme Court. ... Let the states decide on this. If Connecticut wants to have abortion, fine.”

Looking toward Klarides, Lumaj said, “She’s pro-abortion. I’m pro-life. ... What bothers me about Leora is this: in 2012, when she spoke at the Republican National Convention, she was pro-abortion.”

Levy countered, “As a mother of three wonderful sons, I experienced a very difficult time having children. My life was at risk three times in one of my pregnancies. ... I am pro-life. I am committed to life beginning at conception. I recognize exceptions for the life of the mother, rape, and incest. But my opponent has helped to make Connecticut a sanctuary state for abortion.”

But Klarides responded that Levy had her facts wrong about abortion and other issues.

“I was not even in the legislature” when lawmakers passed the new abortion law that Gov. Ned Lamont signed earlier this year, Klarides said.

Klarides added, “I have always supported a woman’s right to choose throughout my career. ... I support parental consent as long as there is a judicial option for minors who are afraid to talk to their parents.”

Trump

None of the candidates immediately answered directly when asked if they would vote for Donald J. Trump for president

in 2024. Debate co-host Dennis House needed to ask each of them to further clarify their views, telling them that it was a lightning round with a yes or no answer.

When asked again if he would vote for Trump, Lumaj answered, “Policy-wise, yes.”

Klarides said, “I would have to see who else is running — on both sides.”

Levy said she always supports the Republican nominee “unlike my opponent who did not vote for Trump and gave us Biden.”

Klarides told The Courant at the state party convention that she voted for her friend, former House Republican leader Larry Cafero, in 2020 as a write-in candidate for president.

Gun control

The candidates also could not agree on the recent gun safety bill that was passed by the U.S. Congress after negotiations spearheaded on a bipartisan basis by both U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy and Blumenthal. The measure passed both chambers with the support of Biden. The bill marks the most substantial measure on guns by Congress in the past 30 years. Among others, the law offers incentives for states to follow the lead of Connecticut by enacting “red flag” laws that are designed to stop potential shooters who could harm themselves or others.

“Yes, I would have voted for that bill,” said Klarides, noting that she has been a pistol permit holder for the past three decades.

Lumaj said that he holds a concealed carry permit, adding, “I’m a Second Amendment guy. ... Mental health? Sure, I would support that.”

When asked if he would have voted for the measure, Lumaj responded, “Not the entire bill.”

Levy said she would not have voted for the bill.

“The answer is not in penalizing law-abiding citizens by taking away their Second Amendment rights,” Levy responded. “The

problem is not legal, law-abiding citizens. The problem is criminals. ... I am the law and order candidate.”

But Klarides said that she, in fact, is the law-and-order candidate because she has been endorsed by the Connecticut state police union and the Fraternal Order of Police, which are both mentioned in a Super PAC commercial that was crafted separately from the Klarides campaign.

Regarding whether teachers should be armed in their classrooms, Levy said, “I would train teachers if they chose to be trained. ... Absolutely.”

Levy said the state law passed that Klarides supported in the legislature after the shootings at the Sandy Hook Elementary School “really takes away the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens.”

Lumaj said that he supports arming school resource officers.

While Klarides has the support of police organizations, Levy says she has the support of rank-and-file officers.

“We shoot as a family. We own guns,” Levy said.

The winner of the primary will run against Blumenthal, a Democratic powerhouse who has never lost an election in his 37-year career. Besides sky-high name recognition, Blumenthal, 76, also has a fundraising advantage, based on the latest statistics.

Blumenthal has \$8.3 million in cash on hand, compared to \$636,000 for Levy at the close of the recent quarter on June 30. Klarides and Lumaj both have less than \$475,000 each. At the same time, an independent Super PAC has been running pro-Klarides commercials on a regular basis and plans to run anti-Blumenthal ads, according to public records.

Regarding the clash, Klarides says it has largely been a one-way fight as Levy has done most of the attacking. She noted that Levy ran unsuccessfully for a state Senate seat in Greenwich and lost to Ryan Fazio last year because “her own

town didn’t want her nominated.”

A recent Quinnipiac University poll showed Blumenthal with his lowest approval rating since being elected to the U.S. Senate nearly 12 years ago. The survey showed 45% of registered voters approve of his job performance, while 43% disapprove. Among the all-important independent voters, Blumenthal’s numbers were under water with 41% approving and 44% disapproving.

In addition, a poll by Emerson College for News 8 showed Blumenthal 10 points ahead of Klarides and 16 points ahead of Levy and Lumaj with a margin of error of 2.4 percentage points.

Scott McLean, a longtime political science professor at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, said before the debate that there was little upside for Klarides in the contest against two conservatives.

“I don’t even know why Themis is doing this debate. To me, it’s nuts,” McLean told The Courant. “I don’t understand why she would take a chance like this. ... I don’t see any upside for her participating in the debate with Lumaj and Levy. I just don’t see it. She has more to lose than to gain.”

McLean said that Klarides needed to avoid saying anything that could eventually hurt her in the general election and “make herself unsupportable by the Trumpers in the state.” She needs to avoid making statements that will “make the Republican base unhappy with her and not willing to go out and vote for her,” McLean said.

With Levy and Klarides clashing against each other potentially for another two weeks, McLean said, “Lumaj is just going to say, ‘Look what you get if you vote for either of these two people. You should vote for me. I’m really conservative, but I’m not crazy.’ It’s the person who stays out of it who tends to get more votes out of it”

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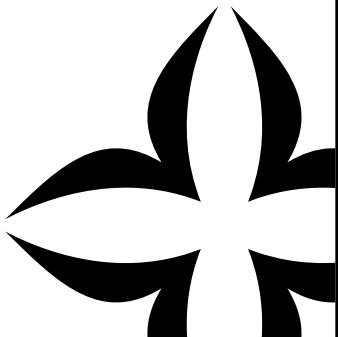


Trinity Health Of New England Medical Group Welcomes Monia Chopra, M.D. Rheumatology

Monia Chopra, M.D. has joined Trinity Health Of New England Medical Group as a rheumatologist for the Department of Medicine at Saint Francis Hospital.

Dr. Chopra, who is Board Certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, recently completed her fellowship in rheumatology at Roger Williams Medical Center and the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University in Providence, R.I. Prior to her fellowship, Dr. Chopra completed a residency at Steward Carney Hospital and served as a rotating physician in the Department of Rheumatology at Tufts Medical Center, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston Medical Center of Boston University, and Saint Elizabeth Medical Center.

Dr. Chopra earned her medical degree from S. Nijalingappa Medical College and H.S.K Hospital and Research Centre in Bagalkot, Karnataka, India.



Panel slams ads for AR-15-style guns

Company execs say not responsible for US mass shootings

By Annie Karni
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The leading manufacturers of semi-automatic rifles used to perpetrate the deadliest mass shootings in the United States have collected more than \$1.7 billion in revenue from AR-15 style weapons over the past decade as gun violence across the country has surged, according to a House investigation presented on Capitol Hill on Wednesday.

The findings, released before a congressional hearing on the marketing of semi-automatic rifles, indicate that the gun industry has thrived by selling and marketing military-grade weapons to civilians, specifically targeting and playing to the insecurities of young men, while some have made thinly veiled references to white supremacist groups.

The House Committee on Oversight and Reform opened an investigation into the gun manufacturing industry in May after the gun massacre in Uvalde, Texas, that killed 19 elementary school students and two teachers and a racially motivated mass shooting in a Buffalo, New York, supermarket that killed 10 people. The panel requested that the country's top five gun manufacturers share information on their sales and marketing strategies, as well as any efforts they make to track safety data related to their products.

"The business practices of these gun manufacturers are deeply disturbing, exploit-



Felix and Kimberly Rubio, whose daughter Alexandria 'Lexi' Aniyah Rubio was murdered in the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, attend a hearing Wednesday of the House Oversight Committee. HAIYUN JIANG/THE NEW YORK TIMES

ative and reckless," Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney, D-N.Y., chair of the committee, said in a statement. "These companies use aggressive marketing tactics to target young people — especially young men — and some even evoke symbols of white supremacy."

On Wednesday, the top executives of two of those companies appeared before the committee, testifying that they bore no responsibility for the surge in gun violence that has taken hold in the U.S. or the use of semi-automatic rifles used in mass shootings, even as their revenues from such weapons have soared.

The gun manufacturing executives said the military-grade weapons they make and market to civilians had nothing to do with the increase in violence in recent years.

"Mass shootings were all but unheard — of just a few decades ago," Marty Daniel, CEO of Daniel Defense, said, testifying remotely before the House Oversight and Reform Committee. "So what changed? Not the firearms. They are substantially the same as those manufactured over 100 years ago."

Daniel, whose company manufactured the weapon used in the Uvalde massacre, called the mass shoot-

ing there "horrible." But he said any response to the rise in such events had to focus "not on the type of gun, but on the type of persons who are likely to commit mass shootings."

Daniel added: "I cannot even imagine what those innocent children had to go through." But he avoided answering whether he felt any personal responsibility, saying, "These murders are local problems that have to be solved locally."

The committee also heard testimony from Christopher Killoy, president and CEO of Sturm, Ruger & Co. — the first time in nearly two decades that the CEOs

of gun manufacturers have testified before Congress about their business practices.

Killoy, who also testified remotely, said that "a firearm, any firearm, can be used for good or for evil. The difference is in the individual possessing it."

The manufacturers that were investigated — Bushmaster; Daniel Defense; Sig Sauer; Smith & Wesson; and Sturm, Ruger & Co. — all marketed their weapons to young men as a way to "prove their manliness," according to the report, and sold "guns to mass shooters on credit" while failing to take basic steps to monitor

deaths associated with their products.

Daniel Defense's revenue from AR-15-style rifles tripled from 2019 to 2021, to more than \$120 million from \$40 million, the report said. Its revenue from AR-15-style rifles since 2012 was \$528 million.

Ruger, the country's largest maker of rifles, reported that its gross earnings from AR-15-style rifles also nearly tripled from 2019 to 2021, increasing to more than \$103 million from \$39 million, with sales revenue from such guns over the past decade amounting to \$514 million.

Smith & Wesson's revenue from long guns, which include AR-15-style rifles, more than doubled between 2019 and 2021, to \$253 million from \$108 million. The company sold the weapon used in the July 4 massacre in Highland Park, Illinois, as well as the Parkland school shooting in Florida in 2018. The report said the company made at least \$695 million from AR-15-style weapons since 2012.

Sig Sauer, the company that sold the AR-15-style rifle used in a mass shooting in 2016 at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida, refused to disclose its revenue.

And Bushmaster, which made the weapon used in the shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, in 2012, said it had no financial data from previous years because it was recently purchased by a new company.

Rep. Jody Hice, R-Ga., said gun sales had risen because more law-abiding citizens were purchasing weapons to protect themselves amid worries about rising crime.

Senate passes \$280B bill for manufacturing, tech

Bipartisan action addresses growing rivalry with China

By Catie Edmondson
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Wednesday passed an expansive \$280 billion bill aimed at building up America's manufacturing and technological edge to counter China, embracing in an overwhelming bipartisan vote the most significant government intervention in industrial policy in decades.

The legislation reflected a remarkable and rare consensus in an otherwise polarized Congress in favor of forging a long-term strategy to address the nation's intensifying geopolitical rivalry with Beijing, centered around investing federal money into cutting-edge technologies and innovations to bolster the nation's industrial, technological and military strength.

It passed on a lopsided bipartisan vote of 64-33, with 17 Republicans voting in support. The margin illustrated how commercial and military competition with Beijing — as well as the promise of thousands of new U.S. jobs — has dramatically shifted long-standing

party orthodoxies, generating agreement among Republicans who once had eschewed government intervention in the markets and Democrats who had resisted showering big companies with federal largess.

"No country's government — even a strong country like ours — can afford to sit on the sidelines," said Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and the majority leader who helped to spearhead the measure. "I think it's a sea change that will stay."

The legislation will next be considered by the House, where it is expected to pass with some Republican support. President Joe Biden, who has backed the package for more than a year, could sign it into law this week.

The bill, a convergence of economic and national security policy, would provide \$52 billion in subsidies and additional tax credits to companies that manufacture chips in the United States. It also would add \$200 billion in scientific research, especially into artificial intelligence, robotics, quantum computing and a range of other technologies.

Its passage was the culmination of a yearslong effort that, in Schumer's telling, began in the Senate gym in

2019, when he approached Sen. Todd Young, R-Ind., with the idea. Young, a fellow China hawk, had previously collaborated with Democrats on foreign policy.

In the end, it was made possible only by an unlikely confluence of factors: a pandemic that laid bare the costs of a global semiconductor shortage, heavy lobbying from the chip industry, Young's persistence in urging his colleagues to break with party orthodoxy and support the bill, and Schumer's ascension to the top job in the Senate.

Many senators, including Republicans, saw the legislation as a critical step to strengthen America's semiconductor manufacturing abilities at a time when the nation has become perilously reliant on foreign countries — especially an increasingly vulnerable Taiwan — for advanced chips.

A phalanx of former President Donald Trump's national security advisers, from H.R. McMaster to Mike Pompeo, came out in support of the legislation, helping Republican lawmakers make the argument that voting for the bill would be a sufficiently hawkish move.

Schumer said it had been not too difficult to rally votes



Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., left, speaks Wednesday alongside Sens. Todd Young, R-Ind., and Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., at the U.S. Capitol. SAUL LOEB/GETTY-AFP

from Democrats, who tend to be less averse to government spending. "But to their credit, 17 Republicans, including McConnell, came in and said, 'This is one expenditure we should make,'" Schumer said, referring to Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and the Senate minority leader.

The legislation, which was known in Washington by an ever-changing carousel of lofty-sounding names, has defied easy definition. At more than 1,000 pages long, it is at once a research and development bill, a near-

term and long-term jobs bill, a manufacturing bill and a semiconductors bill.

Enactment of the legislation is considered a critical step to strengthening America's semiconductor abilities at a time when the share of modern manufacturing capacity in the United States has plummeted to 12%. That has left the nation increasingly reliant on foreign countries amid a chip shortage that has sent shock waves through the global supply chain.

The subsidies for chip companies were expected

to immediately produce tens of thousands of jobs, with manufacturers pledging to build new factories or expand existing plants in Arizona, Idaho, New York, Ohio and Texas.

The bill also seeks to create research and development and manufacturing jobs in the long run, with provisions aimed at building up pipelines of workers — through workforce development grants and other programs — concentrated in once-booming industrial hubs hollowed out by corporate offshoring.



President Biden spoke about his recovery from COVID-19 on Wednesday. OLIVIER DOULIERY/GETTY-AFP

After bout with COVID-19, Biden gives credit to treatments

By Chris Megerian and Darlene Superville
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden ended his COVID-19 isolation on Wednesday, telling Americans they can "live without fear" of the pandemic if they take advantage of booster shots and treatments, the protections he credited with his swift recovery.

"You don't need to be president to get these tools to be used for your defense,"

he said in the Rose Garden. "In fact, the same booster shots, the same at-home test, the same treatment that I got is available to you."

The pandemic has killed over 1 million people in the U.S. and it continues to disrupt daily life more than two years after it began. But Biden emphasized that people are far less likely to die from the disease despite a wave of new infections caused by a contagious variant known as BA.5, which is believed to have sickened

the president as well.

"You can live without fear by doing what I did," he said. "Get boosted, get tested and get treatment."

Biden drew a contrast to when President Donald Trump contracted COVID-19 and was treated at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in 2020.

"He was severely ill. Thankfully, he recovered," Biden said. "When I got COVID, I worked from upstairs in the White House."

The difference, Biden said, is the availability of vaccines, treatments and home tests for catching infections early.

It was Biden's first public appearance in person since he tested positive for COVID-19 on July 21. He walked out of the White House on Wednesday wearing aviator glasses and a dark face mask, which his doctor said he'll continue wearing when in proximity to others for five more days.

White House staff assem-

bled in the Rose Garden applauded Biden, who thanked them for their support.

"Now I get to go back to the Oval Office," he said.

Biden tested negative Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, allowing him to end his isolation.

The BA.5 variant is an offshoot of the omicron strain that was first detected last year. It's now responsible for 82% of cases in the country, with BA.4 contributing another 13%.

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Schools standing still as virus surges

Few changes seen in systems as a new academic year looms

By Sharon Lurye and Collin Binkley
Associated Press

As a new school year approaches, COVID-19 infections are again on the rise, fueled by highly transmissible variants, filling families with dread. They fear the return of a pandemic scourge: outbreaks that sideline large numbers of teachers, close school buildings and force students back into remote learning. Some school systems around the country have moved to bolster staffing to minimize disruptions, but many are hoping for the best without doing much else differently compared with last year.

Even some of the districts that had the most disruptions to in-person schooling amid the spread of the highly contagious omicron variant point to few specific changes in their prevention efforts. Among them is Baltimore County schools, where the number of days that individual schools in the district couldn't offer in-person learning added together totaled 159 in January, according to data from the private research firm Burbio, which tracks over 5,000 school districts nationwide. District officials said they did not see a need to change protocols. "We don't anticipate significant changes to our plan; we don't anticipate significant disruptions," said Charles Herndon, a Baltimore County Public Schools spokesperson. "What we're expecting to see is waves of COVID in 2022 and 2023, and I'm sure there are going to be times when more folks are going to be absent and there will be times when everything is OK." Still, the district is



Kindergarten teacher Karen Drolet, left, helps out a student on Feb. 9 at a school in Central Falls, R.I. DAVID GOLDMAN/AP

prepared to move classes online if necessary. "We certainly hope we don't have to go to that extreme, but it is an option should we need to consider it," he said. Teacher shortages remain a major concern, even bigger than COVID-19 itself, said Dan Domenech, executive director of AASA, an association of school superintendents. "That is the greater concern — that they will have the necessary staff to man all the classrooms, to man all the programs — which will only be made worse if there is an outbreak of COVID," he said. Philadelphia's schools illustrate how disruptive surges can be. Beginning in January the virus caused 114 city schools to go remote for an average of around eight days each — a total of 920 cumulative days of remote learning, more than any other district in Burbio's data for January

through June. Amid shortages of substitute teachers, schools were forced to pull in central office staff, combine classrooms, or temporarily go remote, district spokesperson Marissa Orbanek said. The district has switched to a new staffing agency and aims to fill 90% of substitute requests this year, said Orbanek. They also now have over 100 supplemental teachers, substitutes who show up at the same school every day in case of last-minute absences. One parent, James Fogarty, saw his elementary school age children go back to online learning several times last year in Pittsburgh, a district that saw 46 disruptions in the second half of last year. He hopes the district and communities can identify problems earlier and work on better solutions, like identifying backup options for families. "How do we build systems that are flexible to meet the

shocks when they happen other than just like saying to families, 'Good luck, you're on your own and I hope you don't get fired because you have to miss your shift job,'" said Fogarty, the executive director of A+ Schools in Pittsburgh, an organization that promotes equity in schools. "That's not a satisfying answer for me." Schools cannot afford more disruptions that distract them from the critical work of helping kids catch up, said Thomas Kane, an education policy researcher at Harvard. Students at lower-income schools that were doing remote learning for more than half a year lost the equivalent of 22 weeks of learning, he said, while higher-income schools lost 13 weeks. "We've experienced a historic widening in achievement gaps between Blacks and whites, between Latinx students and whites, between high- and low-pov-

erty schools," he said. "If we don't get active in trying to close those gaps, they're going to become permanent and there will be huge consequences for kids." Schools are hopeful disruptions will be less likely as many districts have invested in better ventilation and vaccines are available to children as young as 6 months old. Besides ramping up hiring of substitutes, some of the districts that were hit hardest last year have been making small changes to their protocols. At Baltimore City schools, which is separate from the county school system, officials say expanded access to rapid tests will help schools stay open if a new variant surges in the fall. The school previously relied on slower PCR tests, and when omicron cases spiked in January, the district's testing regimen couldn't keep up. The switch to a faster test helped the district avoid any schoolwide closures for the

rest of the spring. "We firmly believe that with the protocols we have in place that we're going to be able to keep in-person learning going as the virus ebbs and flows and as new variants come — pending an unforeseen variant that really changes the game," said Cleo Hirsch, director of the district's COVID-19 response. The school district in Montgomery County, Maryland, had 338 cumulative days of disrupted learning in January, the second-highest of all the districts in Burbio's data. District spokesperson Christopher Cram said that was in part because of a policy that triggered hybrid or virtual learning automatically if the COVID-19 case rate in a school rose to 5%. It is working on an updated safety plan for the new school year, he said. In Columbus, Ohio, where the school system saw 106 disruptions due to staff absences at the start of 2022, the district did not point to any planned changes to its policies to prepare for potential surges in the new year. "As we look toward opening schools in August, the District will continue to follow its current mitigation protocols to help keep staff, students, and families safe," spokesperson Jacqueline Bryant said. Lolita Augenstein, president of the Council of PTAs in Columbus, said she's optimistic that this year will be better. The district has focused on hiring teachers and substitutes, she said, and educators are better trained to teach online if needed. "We may not have figured it all out, and there are new variants and there are new concerns that have popped up," said Augenstein, whose daughter graduated from a district high school last school year. "But kids are resilient. ... The families are trained in going back and forth between remote and the building."



Ukrainian soldiers fire at Russian forces Wednesday in Ukraine's Kharkiv region. Ukrainian troops damaged a strategic crossing in the Kherson region Tuesday. EVGENIY MALOLETKA/AP

WAR IN UKRAINE

Ukraine pummels key bridge with weapons supplied by US

By Susie Blann
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukrainian troops used American-supplied precision rocket launchers to knock out a strategic bridge used by Russia to supply its forces in southern Ukraine's occupied Kherson region, officials said Wednesday. Ukraine also claimed to have destroyed an enemy ammunition depot, artillery pieces and other military equipment in the region, killing 51 members of the Russian army. There was no immediate confirmation from the Russian side. The Antonivskyi Bridge over the Dnieper River was attacked late Tuesday, according to Kirill Stremousov, deputy head of the Moscow-appointed administration for the Kherson region. Holes in the deck prevented vehicles from crossing the nearly mile-long span, he said. Russian forces in recent days have intensified their shelling of cities and villages in eastern Ukraine while stepping up airstrikes in the south. At the same time, the Kremlin's troops are facing

mounting counterattacks from the Ukrainians in the Kherson region, which was captured by Moscow early in the war. Ukrainian forces used U.S.-supplied HIMARS multiple rocket launchers to target the bridge, Stremousov said. A Ukrainian military spokesperson, Nataliya Gumenyuk, told Ukrainian TV that "surgical strikes" were carried out on the bridge. The HIMARS has greater range, much more precision and a faster rate of fire than the Soviet-designed Smerch, Uragan and Tor-nado rocket launchers used by Russia and Ukraine. The weapons were among the billions of dollars in Western military aid that has helped Ukraine fight the Russians since the Feb. 24 invasion. The attack was a morale-boosting victory for the Ukrainians. Ukrainian presidential adviser Mykhailo Podolyak said on Twitter that the "occupiers should learn how to swim across" the Dnieper or "leave Kherson while it is still possible." The bridge is the main

crossing over the Dnieper in the Kherson region. The only other option is a dam at a hydroelectric plant in Kakhovka, which also came under Ukrainian fire last week but has remained open. Knocking the crossings out would make it hard for the Russian military to keep supplying its forces in the region. The accurate targeting of the bridge contrasted with Russia's indiscriminate shelling of civilian areas since the invasion began. The governor of Dnipropetrovsk, in the east-central part of the country, said Wednesday that Russian forces struck two regions with artillery. Gov. Valentyn Reznichenko said a woman was wounded in the town of Marhanets and buildings were damaged. "Chaotic shelling has no other goal but to sow panic and fear among the civilian population," he said. The bulk of the Russian forces are fighting in Ukraine's eastern heartland, known as the Donbas, where they have made slow gains in the face of Ukrainian resistance.

Poll: 2 in 3 favor term limits for Supreme Court justices

By Jessica Gresko and Emily Swanson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — About 2 in 3 Americans say they favor term limits or a mandatory retirement age for Supreme Court justices, according to a new poll that finds a sharp increase in the percentage of Americans saying they have "hardly any" confidence in the court. The poll from Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds 67% of Americans support a proposal to set a specific number of years that justices serve instead of life terms, including 82% of Democrats and 57% of Republicans. Views are similar about a requirement that justices retire by a specific age. The poll was conducted just weeks after the high court issued high-profile rulings including stripping away women's constitutional protections for abortion and expanding gun rights. The court will return to hearing cases in October with diminished confidence among Americans. Now 43% say they have hardly any confidence in the court, up from 27% three months ago. Inez Parker of Currie, North Carolina, said she's among those who strongly favor limits on justices' service. She said retired justices can "work in their garden, sit on the porch and fan flies or whatever they want to do." The Constitution gives federal judges including Supreme Court justices life tenure, but there have been recent calls for change. A commission tasked by President Joe Biden with examining potential changes to the Supreme Court studied term limits among other issues. The commission finished its work last year and its members were



Four of the nine sitting Supreme Court justices are in their 50s. Three others are in their 60s, while Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito are in their 70s. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

ultimately divided over whether they believed Congress has the power to pass a law creating the equivalent of term limits. The oldest member of the current court is Justice Clarence Thomas, 74, followed by Justice Samuel Alito, 72. But recent justices have served into their 80s. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg served until her death in 2020 at age 87. Justice Anthony Kennedy retired in 2018 at 81. And Justice Stephen Breyer just retired at age 83. Ginsburg served for 27 years, Kennedy 30 years and Breyer nearly 28 years. Four new members have joined the court in the last five years, bringing down the average age of the court's members. Three justices are in their 60s: Chief Justice John Roberts, 67, and Justices Sonia Sotomayor, 68, and Elena Kagan, 62. The remaining justices are in their 50s. Neil Gorsuch is 54, Brett Kavanaugh 57, Amy Coney Barrett 50 and Ketanji Brown Jackson 51. Another proposal Biden's committee studied was increasing the number of justices on the court, and the poll shows that proposal evenly dividing Americans. Overall, 34% say they're in favor, while 34% are opposed and 32%

say they hold neither opinion. Democrats are more in favor than opposed, 52% to 14%, while Republicans are more opposed than in favor, 61% to 14%. The poll also found increased dissatisfaction with the court since three months ago, before the court overturned the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision guaranteeing a right to abortion. In the April poll, conducted before a draft of the court's decision was leaked, 18% said they had a great deal of confidence, 54% said they had only some and 27% said they had hardly any. Now, 17% say they have a great deal of confidence, 39% only some and 43% hardly any. The poll shows the drop in confidence is concentrated among Democrats. A large partisan gap in views of the court that did not exist before the decision emerged; 64% of Democrats say they have hardly any confidence, up from 27% in April. Another 31% have only some and just 4% have a great deal of confidence — down from 17%. Among Republicans, views of the court have improved. Now, 34% say they have a great deal of confidence, up from 21% in the earlier poll. An additional 47% have only some confidence and 18% hardly any.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Last 2 former officers who violated Floyd’s rights get sentenced

From news services

ST. PAUL, Minn. — A federal judge on Wednesday sentenced two former Minneapolis police officers who were convicted of violating George Floyd’s civil rights to lighter terms than recommended in sentencing guidelines.

U.S. District Judge Paul Magnuson sentenced J. Alexander Kueng to three years in prison and Tou Thao to 3½ years in the May 25, 2020, killing of Floyd in which then-Officer Derek Chauvin pinned Floyd’s neck with his knee for more than nine minutes as the 46-year-old Black man said he couldn’t breathe and eventually grew still.

The killing, captured in bystander video, sparked protests worldwide and a reckoning of racial injustice.

Kueng pinned Floyd’s back, Thao held back concerned bystanders, and a fourth officer, Thomas Lane, held Floyd’s feet. Lane was sentenced last week to two years — also below guidelines and a sentence that Floyd’s brother Philonise called “insulting” — while Chauvin was sentenced earlier to 21 years.

Floyd’s immediate family members did not attend Wednesday’s hearings or comment immediately afterward.

The lower sentences for Kueng, who is Black, and Thao, who is Hmong American, raise questions about whether they would consider a plea deal or risk a state court trial on Oct. 24, when they face counts of aiding and abetting second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

Lane, who is white, pleaded guilty to a state charge of aiding and abetting second-degree manslaughter

ter and is awaiting sentencing in that case.

Sentencing guidelines on the federal counts called for 4¼ to 5¼ years for Kueng and 5¼ to 6½ years for Thao.

For both men, prosecutors argued for sentences within that range or longer, arguing in Kueng’s case that he “didn’t say a word” as Floyd lay dying. They also disputed that Thao’s role was minor, with prosecutor LeeAnn Bell saying he had “a bird’s-eye view of what was going on” with Floyd pinned to the pavement, and had “years on the force” that meant he should have known better.

Both men are due to report to federal prison on Oct. 4, though Magnuson noted that could change because of their state trial.

Federal budget: The Congressional Budget Office said Wednesday that the end of pandemic-era spending, fast economic growth and higher tax revenues caused the federal debt this year to be lower than forecast.

But the non-partisan office includes a warning in its 30-year outlook about how debt will soon spiral upward to new highs that could ultimately imperil the U.S. economy.

Accumulated debt held by the public will be equal to 98% of U.S. gross domestic product this year, four points lower than the 2021 forecast. But this would be a brief respite from rising levels of debt that would surpass the historical high in 2031 and climb by 2052 to 185% of GDP.

President Joe Biden has made reducing the annual budget deficit a priority, but that would likely require tax increases that Republican lawmakers and some Democrats oppose.



A U.S. Marine Corps bugler sounds taps at a ceremony for the newly rededicated Wall of Remembrance at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on Wednesday in Washington. The wall now features the names of over 43,000 U.S. service members and Korean augmentees to the U.S. Army who were killed in the war, according to the Defense Department. **PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP**

Wyo. abortion ban: A Wyoming judge on Wednesday temporarily blocked the state’s abortion ban on the day it took effect, siding with a firebombed women’s health clinic and others who argued the ban would violate the state constitution and harm health care workers and their patients.

Attorneys arguing before Teton County District Judge Melissa Owens, in Jackson, disagreed over whether the Wyoming Constitution provided a right to abortion that would nullify the state’s abortion “trigger” law that took effect Wednesday.

Owens proved sympathetic, though, with arguments that the ban left pregnant patients with dangerous complications and their doctors in a difficult position as they balanced serious medical risks against the possibility of prosecution.

“That is a possible irreparable injury to the plaintiffs. They are left with no guidance,” Owens said.

Several states including Wyoming recently passed

abortion “trigger” bans should the U.S. Supreme Court overturn Roe v. Wade, which happened June 24. The U.S. Supreme Court formally issued its judgment Tuesday — a step that allowed some states, though not Wyoming, to enact their “trigger” bans.

Northwest heatwave: The scorching heat in the Pacific Northwest is now expected to last longer than forecasters had initially predicted, setting parts of the normally temperate region on course to break heat wave duration records.

As temperatures hit a daily record 102 degrees in Portland, Oregon, on Tuesday, the National Weather Service extended the excessive heat warning for the city from Thursday through Saturday evening.

The duration of the heat wave puts Portland “in the running” for tying its longest streak of six consecutive days of 95 degrees or higher, said Colby Neuman, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Portland.

Seattle on Tuesday reported a new record daily high of 94. The heat spell was forecast to last into Saturday in western Washington as well.

Airline consolidation: Spirit Airlines and Frontier Airlines on Wednesday abandoned their merger proposal, opening the way for JetBlue Airways to acquire Spirit after a monthslong bidding war for the budget carrier.

The decision by Spirit and Frontier to terminate their deal was announced while Spirit shareholders were still voting on the proposal. Despite the support of Spirit’s board, shareholders apparently were prepared to reject the deal.

The Frontier offer was worth more than \$2.6 billion in cash and stock compared with JetBlue’s all-cash bid of \$3.7 billion.

A combination of Spirit with Frontier or JetBlue would create the nation’s fifth-largest airline, behind American, United, Delta and Southwest.

Philippines earthquake: A strong earthquake set off landslides and damaged buildings in the northern Philippines on Wednesday, killing at least five people and injuring dozens.

The 7-magnitude quake was centered in a mountainous area of Abra province, said Renato Solidum, the head of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology, who described the midmorning shaking as a major earthquake.

One villager died when hit by falling cement slabs in his house in Abra, where dozens were injured.

In Benguet province, a worker was pinned to death after a small building under construction collapsed in the mountain town of La Trinidad.

The quake’s strength was lowered from the initial 7.3 magnitude after further analysis. The quake was set off by movement in a local fault at a depth of 10 miles, the institute said, adding it expected damage and more aftershocks.

TONY DOW 1945-2022

Actor earned early fame as Wally on ‘Leave It to Beaver’

By Alexandra Del Rosario and Kenan Draughorne
Los Angeles Times

Tony Dow, the actor best known as Wally Cleaver in the beloved 1950s and ’60s sitcom “Leave It to Beaver,” has died. He was 77.

Dow died Wednesday morning, his son, Christopher Dow, confirmed in a post on the actor’s official Facebook account. No cause of death was revealed, but Dow was previously diagnosed with cancer.

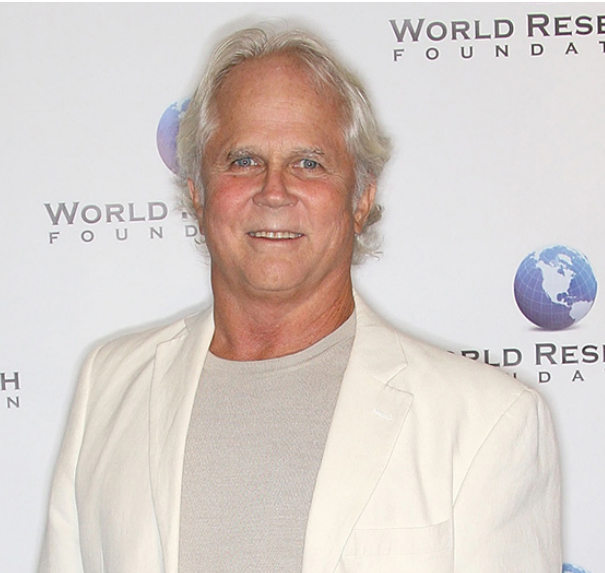
“We have received confirmation from Christopher, Tony’s son, that Tony passed away earlier this morning, with his loving family at his side to see him through this journey,” the Wednesday Facebook post said.

His death came not long after his management team and wife, Lauren, prematurely announced that the actor had died Tuesday morning. Several news outlets had reported Dow’s death, including the L.A. Times, prompting his representatives to delete the initial Facebook post announcing his demise. Dow’s verified Facebook account clarified on Tuesday that Dow was still alive but “not doing well.”

Dow was diagnosed with and treated for cancer several years ago, and his wife announced in May that it had returned.

Dow was born on April 13, 1945, in Hollywood where he was raised. In 1957, the actor, who at the time possessed little acting experience, made his debut when he was cast in “Leave It to Beaver.”

Wally was the older brother to Jerry Mathers’ titular Theodore “Beaver” Cleaver. Together with Mathers, Dow fostered a relatable brotherly chemistry; as Wally, Dow helped younger brother Beaver



Tony Dow died Wednesday at 77, one day after his death was prematurely announced. **FREDERICK M. BROWN/GETTY 2009**

understand the ways of the world and charmed viewers with memorable one-liners.

When best friend Eddie Haskell, played by Ken Osmond, asked Wally to tell his father that he’s a “big, stupid dope,” Wally playfully scoffed: “Don’t worry about it, Eddie. I think he’s kind of suspected it for years.”

After the series concluded in 1963, Dow appeared in additional TV shows, including “The Greatest Show on Earth,” “Mr. Novak” and “Never Too Young.”

The actor joined the California Guard in 1965. He was assigned to Special Services and served as a photographer in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 40th Armored Division, according to the Camp Roberts Historical Museum. During his service, he also studied journalism and photography.

Dow returned to acting in the late 1960s and early 1970s, appearing in “Lassie,” “A Great American Tragedy” and “Death Scream.” In 1969, he married Carol

Marlow, with whom he shares son Christopher Dow. In June 1980, Dow married Lauren Shulkind.

Dow reprised the role of Wally when the Cleaver family returned to television for the reunion movie “Still the Beaver” and the sequel series “The New Leave It to Beaver,” which ran 1983–1989. During his time on the revival, Dow debuted his directing chops, helming episodes for both “The New Leave It to Beaver” and “The New Lassie.”

In 1988 the Young Artists Awards honored Dow with the Former Child Star Lifetime Achievement Award for his performance as Wally.

The actor also dabbled in visual effects work, receiving credits for “Babylon 5” and “Doctor Who: The Movie,” according to IMDb. He was a painter and sculptor too, with work once displayed in the Louvre in Paris.

He is survived by his son Christopher, wife Lauren, daughter-in-law Melissa, granddaughter Tyla, and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law.

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Stores

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introduce that culture to others.

The Matayoshi family, shopping at a recent lunchtime at Maruichi in West Hartford, bought traditional Japanese foods. The father, Ricardo, was born in Peru, a member of that country's Japanese community. His kids, Diego and Mia, were born in the United States.

They like Maruichi because, as Mai says, “the food is really well-prepared by people who know how to make it.”

But you don’t have to be of a particular ethnicity to appreciate the wonderful foods, and rich atmosphere, of the stores. Wherever you go, you’ll find something you will later crave, which will have you going back.

At some grocery stores, labels are in native languages only. The staff, if they speak English, can help translate. Here is a partial list of shops in the Hartford area.

El Mercado, 704 Park St. in Hartford, is in the state's epicenter of Latinx culture. Its offerings encompass a cross section of Latin America: Puerto Rico, El Salvador, Peru, Mexico, Ecuador, Colombia, Argentina, Guatemala, Dominican Republic and other lands. Walking down the aisles, salsa music playing joyfully loud, shoppers can find groceries beloved by those cultures mixed with stuff you might find at Stop and Shop. (Which means you don't really need to shop anywhere else.) You could go home with your purchases and try to make Latin foods. Or you can hit the row of multicultural restaurants inside the market. There's also a Puerto Rican clothing shop. facebook.com/pages/El-Mercado/180356721992798.

Patel Foods Farmers Market, 171 Spencer St. in Manchester, is a weekly shopping magnet for the booming community East of the River of immigrants from the Indian subcontinent. Groceries from that region of the world include ghee, rose syrup, chana dal, cake rusk, roohafza, gram flour, spice blends, papadum, boxed prepared foods such as palak paneer, paneer makhani, biryani and frozen foods such as naan, paratha, samosas, tikka masala, vindaloo. Patel also sells fresh produce, sweets, dairy goods, health and beauty products, religious ceremonial decor and Indian-American newspapers. patelfoodstct.com.

Europe Grocery, 200 Park Road in West Hartford, has a continental name, but the countries whose foods are represented here are primarily former Eastern Bloc nations: Russia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Armenia, Ukraine. Almost all labels are in Russian, and staff and most customers speak Russian. Groceries include kvass, borscht, a variety of canned seafoods, rose hip and buckthorn syrups, many pickles and horseradishes, fruit syrups, Dobryninsky cake, sulguni cheese, eggplant concoctions. These are very modern Russians: A sign on the door reads “Pray for Peace in Ukraine.” No website.

A Spoonful of Britain, 2 Railroad St. in Simsbury, arose out of love for real English Cadbury chocolates, that taste different from



The Casa Brazil market in Hartford sells a variety of Brazilian foods. The staff, including Carlos Zacarkim. Zakarkim came to the United States four months ago. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

the American version. Founders Natalie Brown and Carly Kyd have expanded from there, and sell a variety of British groceries such as Barley Water, Eccles Cakes, Skip's Prawn Cocktail Crisps, Hayward's Piccalilli, Jaffa Cakes, Jammie Dodgers, Chip Shop Style Mushy Peas, wine gummies, Golden Shred Marmalade, Irn Bru soda and love-it-or-hate-it Marmite. Other items include tea sets and jerseys for Liverpool, Manchester United, Chelsea and Arsenal football clubs. facebook.com/spoonfulofbritain.

Maruichi Japanese Food and Deli, 37 Raymond Road in West Hartford, is an explosion of color, the shelves stuffed full of bright, cheerful and intriguing packaged foods from Japan and prepared meals by the staff. In that distinctive Japanese style, product packaging, and often product design, strive for ultimate cuteness. Hello Kitty pens, erasers that look like bento boxes, jewelry of anime characters and brightly colored sushi-rolling mats are on shelves alongside groceries such as shredded squid, roasted seaweed, boiled lotus root, cod roe sauce, lychee sherbet and green tea ice cream. facebook.com/maruichiwesthartford.

EasiSpice Supermarket, 1150 Burnside Ave. in East Hartford, sells foods beloved by West Indian, Spanish and African communities. The produce and meat selection makes this clear: What mainstream store offers batata, breadfruit, eddoes, garden eggs, callaloo, guava, tamarind, oxtail, burnt goat foot? Sauces and spices include pickapeppa, scotch bonnet, guinea hen weed, fever grass, dawadawa, prekese. Several varieties of protein-rich Jamaican Irish Moss

beverages and Jamaican breads by Golden Krust are offered. The store also sells fruit juices and other soft drinks, snacks and canned vegetables. No website.

Al Basha, 397 Broad St. in Manchester, has a tiny Palestinian-Yemeni restaurant (with a huge menu) in the back but it mostly is a grocery store with a vibrant Muslim vibe, where murals show famous mosques and shopkeepers take breaks for afternoon prayers. Groceries include maftoul, freekeh, lupini beans, shankleesh cheese, basbousa, mohalabia, sesame fudge and molokhia leaves, medjool dates and household goods such as teapots, teacups, prayer rugs, Ramadan decorations, hookahs, incense, flags of Middle Eastern nations, copies of the Quran and Quran holders. facebook.com/al-basha-market-and-restaurant-107737165197302.

Crown Market, 2471 Albany Ave. in West Hartford, is closed on Saturdays for Shabbat, but every other day is the place to go for the best food — kosher-for-Passover year-round — and other items beloved by the town's Jewish community. The small store is a big player in town, selling homemade kugel and knishes, rugalah, Israeli canned goods, supplies for High Holy Days and more mainstream goods. Kosher Supervisor Miriam Silverman said the community has been drawn to Crown since 1940 because “they know they’ll find what they are looking for here. They might not find it in other stores.” thecrownmarket.com.

Zieleniak, A Green Grocer, 109 Broad St. in New Britain, is in the

heart of the mile-long stretch of Broad Street called Little Poland, home of dozens of Polish-language businesses. The aisles are packed with groceries, meat, dairy, candy, Polish magazines and newspapers, greeting cards, health and beauty aids. facebook.com/pages/Zieleniak-A-Green-Grocer/111530458886506. A few steps down the street, at 123 Broad St., is Polmart, which has a lot of the same inventory, as well as shirts with Polish-language slogans on them, and a branch of the post office specializing in shipping to Poland. polmartusa.com.

Tangiers, 550 Farmington Ave. in Hartford, has a name that evokes the Moroccan city. It sells food from Morocco, Lebanon, Greece, Turkey, Armenia, Macedonia, Egypt, Bulgaria and others in the Mediterranean region. Zach Latif, a member of the Lebanese-American family that has owned Tangiers since 1995, said “Good food always brings good people together.” The shop has a dining counter and a few tables, as well as a huge selection of ethnic groceries — a lovely selection of Greek and other cheeses — and a prepared-foods counter that sells stuffed grape leaves, baklava and other temptations. tangiersmarket.com

A Dong Supermarket, 160 Shield St., in West Hartford, has served the Asian food-loving community for 33 years. The enormous store offers a wide variety of Chinese and Vietnamese packaged goods, seafood and meat counters and a fresh bakery. In these cultures, all parts of an animal are used; shoppers can find pork ear, beef tendon, beef stomach, pork heart and other parts. Groceries include endless

varieties of tofu, steamed buns and noodles; fresh and canned Asian produce like the spiky rambutan, kitchenware and home decor such as Buddhas, altar shrines and figures from Chinese history. adongsupermarket.webs.com.

Bosna Market, 547 Franklin Ave. in Hartford, is a food shop and social hub for the area's 5,000 Bosniak immigrants, who fled anti-Muslim repression in their native land. Community leader Dzenana Delic said Bosniaks “can find traditional food and spices there and establish communication.” The shop sells food from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia, Croatia, Macedonia and other Balkan nations. Fresh-baked breads include fluffy pita and a rich cheesy bread. Groceries include sausages like sudzuk and cevapi, Balkan soups, Bosanski lokum (tea biscuits), coffees, teas, sweets and hundreds of other items. bosnamarketct.com.

Casa Brasil Grocery, 1863 Park St. in Hartford, opened in 2011. “A lot of Brazilians here were missing a part of their culture,” Cazassa said. The store's clientele are members of the area's Brazilian and Portuguese communities, along with other Hispanic residents of the bustling Park Street area. The dairy case is packed with Brazilian and Portuguese cheeses and meats like canastra, minas, casteloos and chourico caseiro; and frozen chicken and cheese croquettes. On the shelves are a variety of fruit juices, crackers, cookies and spices. It also has a fresh meat and fresh bread. facebook.com/CasaBrasil-Hartford.

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Griner

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repeatedly and directly on that proposal, and I'll use the conversation to follow up personally and, I hope, to move us toward a resolution,” Blinken said.

Blinken did not offer details on the proposed deal outlined to the Russians, but U.S. officials suggested it is similar to the prisoner swap that secured the release of Marine veteran Trevor Reed in April. Russia has made clear its desire for convicted arms dealer Viktor Bout to be freed from U.S. prison and the officials would not rule out that Bout's release is on the table.

President Joe Biden, who authorized the Reed prisoner swap after meeting with his parents, signed off on the deal the U.S. offered in this case, officials said.

Should the call with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov take place, it would be the first conversation that the men have held since Feb. 15, nine days before Russia invaded Ukraine. U.S. officials said the desire for an answer on the prisoner offer was the primary, but not only, reason that the U.S. on Wednesday requested a new call with Lavrov.

Blinken said he would also be speaking to Lavrov about the importance of Russia complying with a U.N.-brokered deal to free multiple tons of Ukrainian grain from storage and warning him about the dangers of possible Russian attempts to annex



American basketball star and two-time Olympic gold medalist Brittney Griner stands in a courtroom cage Wednesday prior to a hearing for her trial on drug charges in Khimki just outside Moscow. **ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/POOL VIA AP**

portions of eastern and southern Ukraine.

“There is utility to conveying clear, direct messages to the Russians on key priorities for us,” including the release of Griner and Whelan, he said. They also include “what we’re seeing and hearing around the world is a desperate need for the foods, the desperate need for prices to decrease.”

Whelan, a corporate security executive from Michigan, was sentenced in 2020 to 16 years in prison

on espionage charges. He and his family have vigorously asserted his innocence. The U.S. government has denounced the charges as false.

Griner, in Russian custody for the past five months, acknowledged in court that she had vape cartridges containing cannabis oil in her luggage when she arrived in Moscow in February but contends she had no criminal intent and packed the cartridges inadvertently.

At her trial Wednesday, Griner

said she did not know how the cannabis oil ended up in her bag but explained she had a doctor's recommendation for it and had packed in haste. She said she was pulled aside at the airport after inspectors found the cartridges, but that an interpreter translated only a fraction of what was said during her questioning and that officials instructed her to sign documents without providing an explanation.

Griner faces up to 10 years in

prison if convicted of transporting drugs.

The U.S. government has long resisted prisoner swaps out of concern that it could encourage additional hostage-taking and promote false equivalency between a wrongfully detained American and a foreign national regarded as justly convicted. But an earlier deal in April, in which Reed was traded for jailed Russian pilot Konstantin Yaroshenko, appeared to open the door to similar resolutions in the future and the Biden administration has been hounded with political pressure to bring home Griner and other Americans designated as unjustly detained.

Russia has for years expressed interest in the release of Bout, who was sentenced to 25 years in prison in 2012 on charges that he schemed to illegally sell millions of dollars in weapons.

There was no indication that Blinken and Lavrov had communicated to secure Reed's release. Their last publicly recognized contact was Feb. 22, when Blinken wrote to Lavrov to cancel a meeting they had planned as a last-ditch effort to avert the Russian invasion, saying Moscow had shown no interest in serious diplomacy on the matter.

The two last met in person in Geneva in January to discuss what was then Russia's massive military build-up along Ukraine's border and Russian demands for NATO to reduce its presence in eastern Europe and permanently deny Ukraine membership. The U.S. rejected the Russian demands.

South Windsor says maybe to Tesla

Towns, car dealers continue to block carmaker's advances

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Tesla Inc., which has struggled unsuccessfully for years to sell cars in Connecticut, was rebuffed by South Windsor planners who said the electric vehicle manufacturer

is welcome, but not at its preferred site. The Planning and Zoning Commission Tuesday night unanimously rejected a proposed Tesla sales and service shop. Unlike car dealers who have fiercely protected their turf by insisting Tesla's direct-to-consumer model would hurt consumers and cost jobs, town planners said Tesla's Buckland Road proposal is in the wrong location.

They suggested the electric vehicle manufacturer consider a different site in South Windsor. That was rejected by Tesla, which avoids joining dealerships clustered along busy roads and sells cars at or near malls to reach shoppers. John Hauser, a Denver real estate developer working with Tesla, said the carmaker will scout other towns. He told planners Tesla wanted a presence on

Buckland Road — at the former LA Fitness health club that closed in June — because it's an "evolving green energy company" that would benefit by its proximity to customers of the Apple store at Evergreen Walk and a planned Whole Foods market "and not Ford and Chevy." "I appreciate the fact that whether I did a poor job of explaining or whether you just don't accept the fact we're not a traditional car dealership there's nothing I can do about that," Hauser said. "But we're probably not going to an alternative site down the road. We're probably just going to go to the next town that views us differently."

The General Assembly has repeatedly turned aside attempts by Tesla, other electric vehicle manufacturers and their allies to enact legislation allowing the

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To promote this weekend's Italian-American Festival, Italian flags are flying outside many locations along Center Street in Southington, including Nonna Artemisia's Pizzeria and the Sons of Italy hall. **DON STACOM**

SOUTHINGTON

Avoiding politics: Italian-American Festival finds a new way to fly flags

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

Green, white and red Italian flags are flying over Center Street in Southington this week, but they're on private poles this year instead of on town property. With the annual Italian-American Festival scheduled for this weekend, supporters around the Sons of Italy hall on Center Street have raised about a dozen flags. But because Southington this year banned non-governmental flags on town property, those flags

are on privately owned poles or displayed on storefronts. Despite some residents' heated Facebook exchanges about political overtones of the new flag restrictions, the festival promoters say they are staying clear of that entire debate. Instead, they're happy they found a way to keep the flags flying without violating the town ordinance. "We just rearranged them," said Dave Zoni of Unico, which co-sponsors the festival along with the local Sons of Italy and Sorelle d'Italia in America.

"Private property owners were very gracious and worked with us. We just wanted to keep the tradition going." Flags became a partisan topic in Southington earlier this year when the town council decided to bar most flags from public property. The United States, Connecticut, Southington and POW-MIA flags are permitted, but all others are forbidden. The decision was made on a party-line vote, with majority Republicans saying it protected the town's legal interest while

minority Democrats complained it hurt many organizations and interest groups. Some Democrats argued that the move was precipitated by opposition to gay rights and noted that local social media was peppered with anti-gay postings after the town raised the Pride flag on a municipal flagpole in 2021. This spring Democrats on the council called on Republicans to allow Ukrainian flags over municipal property. But the GOP majority

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SOUTHINGTON

'Leave the dog home'

Police cracking down on people who leave canines in cars during the heat of summer

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

The Southington Police Department is taking note of people reported for leaving their pets in hot cars in the summer heat, Lt. Keith Egan said at a press conference on Wednesday. In total, Southington police have received nine complaints of dogs left in hot cars in the past month, Egan said. Through those nine complaints, the police made three arrests on animal cruelty charges, with two announced on Wednesday. "The overall message is that if you're going to be taking the dog out with you in public and you plan on shutting off your vehicle and leaving that dog in the vehicle, leave the dog home. Even if it's just for five or 10 minutes," Southington Animal Control Officer Joshua Karabin said. Karabin said that on a day like Wednesday when temperatures are in the mid-80s, a car that's parked and shut off can rise one degree per minute for the first 30 minutes in direct sunlight. "On a day like today for 15 minutes, the temperature could reach 100 degrees quickly within that 15 minutes," Karabin said. "Thirty minutes? You're up closer to 120 degrees, which would be fatal if the dog's left in those conditions." Suzy Rivers, 37, of Cheshire

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Detective: Alex Jones 'most dangerous' type of attack denier

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

The detective who led the investigation into the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School attack testified Tuesday that there are three types of people who deny that it happened and harass the victims' families: the mentally ill, those who believed bad or incomplete information, and those who knew the truth but twisted it for their own "power or money." Investigators put conspiracy theorist Alex Jones in that final group. "They were the most dangerous. That's where we put Alex Jones," Connecticut State Police Detective Daniel Jewiss told the jury on the first day of testimony

in a Texas trial to determine how much Jones, who hosts Infowars, owes for defaming the parents of one of the children who died in the deadliest school shooting in American history. "It's absolutely horrific the amount of trauma they've had to endure in the wake of having lost a loved one," said Jewiss, who called supporting the Sandy Hook families the "most honorable" thing he's ever been part of. Neil Heslin and Scarlett Lewis, whose 6-year-old son Jesse was killed in the attack on the Newtown, Connecticut, school, are seeking \$150 million for emotional distress and reputational damage that Jones caused them, and more

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Alex Jones' lawyer Andino Reynal gives his opening statement to the jury Tuesday at the Travis County Courthouse in Austin, Texas. **BRIANA SANCHEZ/AMERICAN-STATESMAN/AP**

Jackson Pollock collage that's caught up in long-running political divorce is back in play

By Edmund H. Mahony
Hartford Courant

Ownership of a Jackson Pollock collage, part of the millions of dollars of disputed marital property in former state Sen. Alex Kasser's contentious divorce, became a little murkier Wednesday because of a federal appeals court decision. The Greenwich Democrat made her divorce from Wall Street banker Seth Bergstein political news a year ago by announcing she was resigning from the General Assembly because the strain of the breakup made it impossible to live in

Greenwich. A year earlier, she revealed she is gay and had fallen in love with a legislative staffer. The signed Pollock hung in the \$6 million Kasser-Bergstein mansion on Lake Avenue in the Greenwich backcountry until the divorce, when Bergstein claimed it was joint property of the marriage and its future ownership should be decided by a state divorce court. Kasser's brother, Matthew Mochary, claimed the collage is his, a gift from his mother that he loaned to his sister and Bergstein to display in their home. When

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CONNECTICUT

Jury finds 2 Connecticut drug traffickers guilty

\$100K in jewelry and \$146K Mercedes seized

Two Connecticut men were found guilty of drug trafficking offenses, according to federal authorities. Tajh Wiley, also known as “Yung,” 26, of Norwalk, and Jevaughn Watson, 28, of Ansonia, were on trial before U.S. District Judge Janet Bond Arterton and the jury returned the guilty verdicts

Monday, according to federal authorities. The case arose from an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration’s Bridgeport High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force into “a drug trafficking organization headed by Wiley,” according to federal authorities. “The investigation, which included a court-authorized wiretap of Wiley’s phone, revealed that Wiley conspired to distribute quantities of fentanyl, cocaine and

marijuana and distributed drugs throughout Connecticut and elsewhere with the assistance of other associates.” When Wiley, Watson, and six other suspects were arrested in June 2021, investigators executed multiple search warrants and seized about a kilogram of fentanyl, a kilogram of cocaine, about 83 grams of crack cocaine, more than 12 pounds of marijuana, two press machines and “other items and materials used by Wiley and his

co-conspirators to process and package illegal drugs,” according to federal authorities. Investigators also seized jewelry valued at more than \$100,000, and a 2021 Mercedes-Benz valued at approximately \$146,000 from Wiley, authorities said. The jury found Wiley guilty of one count of conspiracy to distribute, and to possess with intent to distribute, fentanyl, 500 grams or more of cocaine and marijuana, and one count of possession with

intent to distribute cocaine base. He faces a mandatory minimum term of 5 years in prison and a maximum of 40 years. Watson was found guilty of one count of conspiracy to distribute, and to possession with intent to distribute marijuana, an offense that carries a maximum term of 5 years in prison. Arterton scheduled sentencing for Oct. 12. — Staff report

EAST HARTFORD

Residents return to apartment complex after flooding, water issues

By Deidre Montague Hartford Courant

EAST HARTFORD — Residents have been cleared to return to the Stonebridge Apartment Complex in East Hartford after the building lost water pressure and flooding occurring in the basement area, officials said. East Hartford Director of Health Laurence Burnsed said that they were made aware of the situation on Monday afternoon, and they found that water was not being delivered to the apartment units. Burnsed said that his Inspections and Permits Department went to the complex and conducted an on-site evaluation, during which they found the flood-

ing in the basement area, which also was impacting water service to residents. The mayor’s office said that the other things that had to be repaired, along with the flooding damage, included the hot water, flooded boiler, and removing water that collected in the elevator shaft. The town worked with residents and building management on Monday evening to relocate residents. Burnsed said the health department also worked with the building management to make sure that all the repairs were completed to allow residents to return to their homes that same afternoon. “Overall, this is just ... a role where municipalities have a

responsibility to ensure that tenants in housing, whether it be individual houses or apartment complexes, have specific required services which would include functioning water, working restrooms, and that’s what prompted the need to relocate residents for the short period of time,” he said. “Fortunately, just for one evening, management [was] quick to respond and bring in the appropriate personnel to make the repairs,” Burnsed said. The mayor’s office said that the placard preventing return to the building was removed around 5 p.m. Tuesday and they were able to move people back to their homes in the complex.

KILLINGWORTH

Middletown woman dies in head-on crash

By Mike Mavredakis Hartford Courant

A Middletown woman died after a two-vehicle crash in Killingworth on Tuesday evening, according to the Connecticut State Police. Police said Martha Bernard, 79, was driving south on Route 81 in Killingworth just before 7 p.m. on Tuesday when she lost control of her Toyota Yaris and swerved into the oncoming lane. Bernard collided head-on with a Ford Explorer driven by a 47-year-old man from Killingworth, police said.

Bernard was transported by ambulance to Shoreline Clinic in Westbrook where she was later pronounced dead, police said. The driver of the Explorer was also transported to Shoreline Clinic in Westbrook, according to police. Bernard’s passenger, a 55-year-old woman from Hartford, was transported to St. Francis Hospital in Hartford by LifeStar, police said. The incident is currently under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact Trooper Roussel from Troop F at 860-399-2100.

WATERBURY

Police arrest 5 people in connection with several incidents of gunfire

By Mike Mavredakis Hartford Courant

Waterbury police arrested five people in connection with several incidents of shots fired in the city. On July 22, officers were on patrol to locate a white Infiniti with Connecticut plates believed to be involved in numerous recent incidents of gunfire. They located the vehicle in the area of Chase Avenue with three occupants: Rashawn Holley, 27, Bianca Cleary, 26, and Sean Lawrence, 32, all of Waterbury. Officers observed another car identified as a silver Nissan Altima which appeared to be traveling with the white Infiniti. Police identified the people inside the Nissan as Marquis Alcime, 21, of Waterbury and Kayson Johnson, 24, of Waterbury. Officers stopped and searched both vehicles and found various amounts of heroin and crack cocaine and two loaded firearms, police said. Holley was arrested and charged with a slew of weapons and firearm charges, including tampering with evidence, interfering with an officer, criminal possession of a firearm or ammunition, criminal posses-

sion of a pistol/revolver, weapons in a motor vehicle, illegal sale or transfer of a firearm and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license. In addition, he was charged in connection with the recent shots-fired incidents and charged with first-degree criminal attempt at assault, criminal possession of a firearm, criminal use of a firearm, first-degree reckless endangerment, illegal sale, delivery or transfer of a firearm and carrying a pistol without a permit. He was previously convicted of weapons charges, rendering him ineligible to own or possess a firearm in Connecticut, according to state statutes. He is being held on a \$4.5 million bond. Clearly was arrested and charged with two counts of illegal possession of a firearm, first-degree conspiracy to commit assault, conspiracy to commit reckless endangerment and interfering with an officer. She is being held on a \$252,000 bond. Lawrence was arrested and charged with interfering with an officer and possession of narcotics, and Johnson and Alcime were arrested and charged with possession of narcotics, weapons in a motor vehicle and alteration of a firearms identification mark.

Flags

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did not go along, with some suggesting the town could be forced to raise a Russian flag if it did that. Critics of the ordinance did not agree. “I think most people see what’s truly going on,” resident Walter Grover told the council in the spring. “This has nothing to do with ‘What if they want to raise the Russian flag?’ “It really has to do with appeasing a small minority group who oppose having our Pride flag raised.” Republicans said avoiding outside flags altogether is the safest route to take and cited a Supreme Court decision that went against the city of Boston. A religious organization claimed it was wrongly denied

permission to fly the Christian flag in front of Boston’s city hall. Boston contended that the Bill of Rights blocks government from promoting any religion, but the plaintiff — the Camp Constitution organization — countered that the city had discriminated against it after approving other non-governmental flags. Zoni said festival organizers were pleased simply to get the Italian flags placed before the festival. “We started this festival in 2005,” he said. “We’ve had it every year except, because of COVID, in 2020. “It basically became a tradition to put out Italian and American flags. Some people got a little upset because they don’t like breaking traditions. “This is an ethnic festival and people are very passionate about

their heritage. The vision of the festival is to promote Italian heritage. That’s the main message, and waving our flags is part of that. But this way we kept the tradition without turning any of it political.” The three-day festival begins Friday afternoon, when Center Street near the Sons of Italy is limited to only pedestrian traffic. Hours are Friday from 5-10 p.m. (fireworks at 9); Saturday from 3-10 p.m.; and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Thousands of people are expected to visit the neighborhood for live music, Italian food, face painting, firework and other activities. The schedule is at facebook.com/SouthingtonItalianFestival. Don Stacom can be reached at dstacom@courant.com.

Collage

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Bergstein refused to return the art, Mochary sued in federal court. U.S. District Judge Victor Bolden dismissed Mochary’s suit last year, ruling for Bergstein, who wanted to leave ownership to a property settlement in divorce court. On Wednesday, a federal appeals court in New York reversed Bolden, meaning Mochary can renew his fight for the art in federal court as the divorce trial, now scheduled to start in October, plays out.

Mochry claims in his suit that his parents bought the 16 x 21 inch mixed-media collage — valued at \$175,000 — from Sotheby’s in 1978. It says his mother, Mary Veronica Kasser Mochary, gave him the art in 1996 when he completed business school. After allowing the work to be displayed by art museums for two decades, Mochary claims he loaned it to his sister and Bergstein in 2016 for display in home on the condition that it be “immediately returned upon request.” Kasser moved out of the home when she filed for divorce, leaving Bergstein “in sole

possession of the collage,” according to the suit. Bergstein claims the Pollock was not lent, but was a gift to his wife and, as a result, part of the disputed marital property. In a federal court filing, Bergstein asserts that Mochary’s mother testified in a deposition that she gave the Pollock to her daughter and confirmed the gift on a tax return. What’s more, Bergstein claims his wife has listed the Pollock as personal property on three separate financial affidavits. The question of who gets the Pollock is not likely to be answered immediately.

Dogs

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turned herself in to Southington police on Tuesday after an incident on June 29 when she called police to report that her dog, a 1½-year-old Boston terrier, was inside her parked car at the Southington Library and not moving. After removing the dog from the car, police attempted to administer first aid but were unsuccessful. Police said Rivers’ car was parked outside in the full sunlight with an outside temperature of 81 degrees Fahrenheit. Surveillance video from the library shows Rivers entering the building just before noon, police said. Around 3 p.m. Rivers had a conversation with a library employee before

being seen on video outside the library with another library employee, police said. Witnesses inside the library saw a library employee inside Rivers’ car and became suspicious, police said. Witnesses told police that Rivers’ rear window was reportedly open by about 6 inches while she was inside the library. Southington animal control officers arrived and determined that the temperature inside the car was between 99 and 105 degrees. Officers also noted that Boston Terriers commonly experience breathing problems and are susceptible to excessive heat. On July 23, an officer was sent to Shop Rite on Queen Street on a report of a dog left in a vehicle. The weather was 91 degrees outside,

police said. The officers found a Chevrolet Trailblazer parked near the north entrance of Shop Rite directly in the sunlight. The vehicle was not running and windows were only open around 1½ inches. An officer, noting that the dog was in distress, unlocked the vehicle. Shortly after opening the car, the officer talked with the dog owner, Salvatore Conaci, 65, of Southington, who said he thought leaving the windows open with water in the car wouldn’t “be that bad.” Conaci is believed to have left his dog unattended in the car for around 15 to 25 minutes, police said. Southington’s animal control officer estimated that the temperature inside the car reached between 100 to 105 degrees. This was the third incident in

July involving Conaci, police said. On July 8, police received a call to Ocean State Job Lot and another on July 19 at Aldi, reporting that a dog was left in a vehicle. In those earlier incidents, Conaci returned and moved the car before police arrived. Police also arrested a Wilton woman on Monday for leaving her dog in her car on June 30 while visiting a nursing home in town. Witnesses reported the dog had been inside the vehicle at least 25 minutes with the two front windows open between 2 to 3 inches, according to police. Egan said that none of the people arrested intended to harm their pets, and all took some measures to keep them cool, like leaving water and opening the windows slightly. “We find that most of these

people truly care about their pets and their intention isn’t to harm them,” Karabin said. “They go everywhere with them.” He also said they recognize that people often view their pets as family members and bring them places, but advised residents to keep them home if they are going to a place that does not allow pets. Rivers was charged with cruelty to animals, police said Wednesday. She was released on a \$15,000 non-surety bond and is scheduled to appear in New Britain Superior Court on Aug. 3. Conaci was issued a misdemeanor summons for animal cruelty, police said. He was released on a \$2,500 non-surety bond and scheduled to appear in New Britain Superior Court on Aug. 4.

Tesla

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sale of cars directly to consumers. State law permits vehicle sales only through car dealerships, a business model Tesla rejects. Connecticut car buyers must travel to New York’s Westchester County, Boston or other Massachusetts cities to shop at a Tesla store. Tesla’s application to South Windsor included a proposed sales shop that Hauser said he would strike from the application because it does not comply with Connecticut law. The carmaker would have instead used the site for vehicle repair and charging and the sale of solar products, battery parts and

other equipment. The site selection ran aground on opposition from planners and some residents who said the Buckland Road Gateway Development Zone does not permit auto businesses and exceptions would lead to more car dealerships. Planners suggested alternatives, such as Route 5. Car dealers who operate in most lawmakers’ House and Senate districts and are active in their communities have flexed their political muscle in the General Assembly to kill legislation over several years allowing Tesla to sell in Connecticut. The Connecticut Automotive Retailers Association, which has led the opposition to Tesla, reminded planners that state law

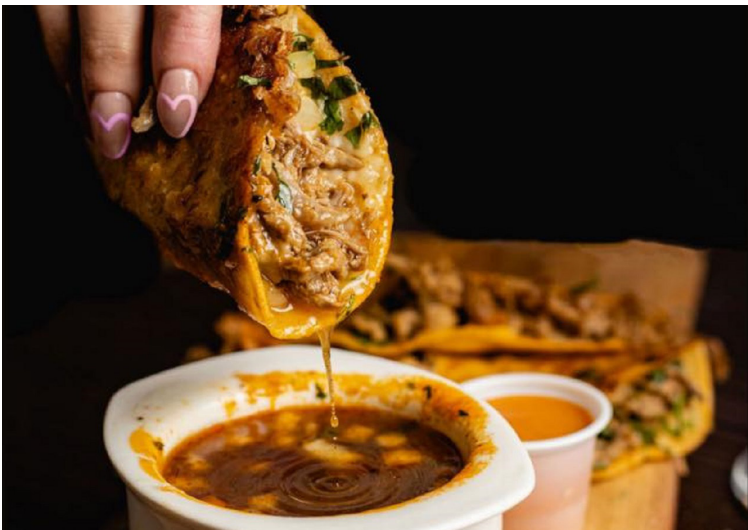
bars Tesla from operating as a sales business. Town approval of its application “would invite a plain violation of Connecticut law,” it said in a letter to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Two dealers repeated familiar arguments against the carmaker. Bob Selig, a South Windsor resident and Ford dealer in Windsor, told planners that dealerships protect consumers who would be undermined by Tesla’s direct-to-consumer sales model. Tyrrell Dabrowski, sales director for Hoffmann Auto Group, said Tesla sales will not lead to a rapid introduction of electric vehicles. “Direct sale EVs like Tesla are expensive luxury vehicles and they are a very small percentage of the vehicles sold,” he told the planning

commission. Dealers offer consumers a “robust selection” of EVs and hybrid vehicles, Dabrowski said. Hoffman Auto Group last year sued Tesla, East Hartford and a development company that received town approval to open a Tesla service center and showroom. The dealership said East Hartford’s decision allowing the showroom violated Connecticut law. East Hartford ultimately revoked its permits for Tesla. The car dealers group also challenged Tesla in state Supreme Court over its attempt to sell cars from a Greenwich showroom. A Superior Court judge ruled in December 2018 that Tesla was illegally selling from its Greenwich

gallery, though the company said it opened the Greenwich gallery to educate Connecticut residents about Tesla’s electric cars. Tesla operates a showroom at the site. Tesla is leasing its electric vehicles from its Milford site, which the state Department of Motor Vehicles said in 2019 complies with state law because the carmaker has a license to lease cars. South Windsor Planning Commissioner Stephanie Dexter, a Republican, said she’s optimistic Connecticut will eventually legalize direct vehicle sales. “We’re all about choice,” she said. Stephen Singer can be reached at ssinger@courant.com.

CONNECTICUT

Burrito Loko, express MofonGo opening joint location



Birria tacos are on the menu at the Tex-Mex restaurant Burrito Loko, which is opening a new location in New Britain, in combination with an express location of popular Puerto Rican fast-casual restaurant MofonGo. ENRIQUE RODRIGUEZ

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Two restaurants from Hartford’s Parkville Market are expanding together to open one location near the Central Connecticut State University campus in New Britain. Tex-Mex eatery Burrito Loko and Puerto Rican restaurant MofonGo will open today under the same roof at 1470 East St. MofonGo will be an “express” location, with a smaller menu than the chain’s other locations. Burrito Loko will have the same menu it has at Parkville Market. “I think Burrito Loko is a good product for college kids and so is MofonGo. I believe we can put our brands together in one kitchen and get a little bit more business,” said Enrique Rodriguez, co-owner of

Burrito Loko and co-franchisee of the MofonGo at the new location. Rodriguez and his wife, Julie, own Burrito Loko, Las Tortas MX and Fowl Play stalls in Parkville Market. They also own a combined Burrito Loko-Las Tortas MX-Fowl Play location in New Britain’s The Assembly Room. MofonGo has locations in New Britain and Windsor. Owner Vincent Placeres said he is looking now in Waterbury for a good location to expand. This year, Placeres sold the Parkville Market MofonGo location to the Rodriguezes as franchisees. The Rodriguezes are the first franchisees of MofonGo. Placeres said he hopes to franchise more MofonGo locations in the future. The express MofonGo menu will have rice bowls with pork, chicken, steak or shrimp (\$13.89

to \$16.89); mofongo with pork or chicken (\$13.89), potato balls (\$3.50) and empanadas (\$2.99). Burrito Loko will have rice bowls and burritos for \$10.95, in chicken, beef barbacoa, New York strip, shrimp, ground beef or veggie. Burrito Loko also sells taco salad, fajitas and “Tex Mex chicken chop” for \$10.95; quesadillas and nachos for \$11.95; and fish, shrimp and birria tacos for \$9.95. The shop will be open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday and Monday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For more information, visit burritolokoct.com and mofongorestaurant.com.

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Here’s when your favorite country fairs in Connecticut are happening

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Country-fair fans can rejoice. After two years of pandemic reductions and cancellations, the country-fair scene in Connecticut is strong for 2022, with the livestock shows, competitions, carnival rides, decadent foods, fireworks and live music beginning the last weekend in July and running through the second weekend in October. Some are free, one-day events. Others are multiday fairs with Ferris wheels and country stars. Then there is the whopper of them all: the 17-day extravaganza of New England agriculture and world-famous entertainers known as the Big E. People who can’t go to too many fairs can buy a season pass for two to any member fair for \$100 at ctg-fairs.org. We’ve compiled a list of the fairs by date. Here’s hoping your favorite is among them.

July 29 to 31

Lebanon Country Fair, 122 Mack Road. Highlights are demolition derby, motocross show, fireworks. Friday 5 to 11 p.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission \$11 on Friday, \$12 Saturday and Sunday, \$10 seniors, free to 12 and younger and military. lebanoncountryfair.org.

Aug. 13

Ekonk Community Grange Fair, 723 Ekonk Hill Road in Sterling. Highlights are contests, exhibits, book sale, vendors. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. facebook.com/EkonkGrange. **Winchester Grange Fair**, 100 Newfield Road. Highlights are contests for baked goods, vegetables and flowers, a used book sale, a community tag sale. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. winchestergrange.org.

Aug. 19 to 21

Bridgewater Country Fair, 100 Main St. South. Highlights are pet parade, dock dogs, truck raffle. Friday 4 to 11 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission \$10, \$8 seniors and veterans, free to 12 and younger. bridge-waterfair.com. **Hamburg Fair**, 1 Sterling City Road in Lyme. Highlights are performance by Steve Songs, radio-controlled car racing, magic show. Friday 5 to 10:30 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission \$10, \$8 in advance, \$8 seniors and military, 11 and younger free. hamburgfair.org.

Aug. 25 to 28

Brooklyn Fair, 15 Fairgrounds Road. Highlights at the oldest continuously active agricultural fair in the United States are a concert by

country star John Michael Montgomery on Saturday at 8 p.m., a women’s skillet toss, pig races, lawn mower races, balloon animals. Thursday 4 to 11 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission \$10, \$8 seniors and military, free to 12 and younger. brooklynfair.org.

Aug. 26 to 28

Chester Fair, 11 Kirtland Terrace. Highlights are an open fiddle jam, dog agility demos, frog-jumping contests. Friday 6 to 11 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission \$10, \$8 seniors and military, free to 12 and younger. chesterfair.org. **Terryville Lions Country Fair**, 171 Town Hill Road in the Terryville section of Plymouth. Highlights are an art show, scarecrow contest, animal costume party. Friday 4 to 11 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission \$10, \$8 seniors and military, free to 10 and younger. terryvillefair.org.

Aug. 27 to 28

Cheshire Grange Community Fair, 44 Wallingford Road. Highlights are Grannie’s Attic, country store, basket raffle, roast beef dinner. Saturday and Sunday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. cheshiregrange.org.

Aug. 28

Cannon Grange Agricultural Fair and Exposition, 25 Cannon Road in Wilton. Highlights are baking trophy contest, collection exhibits. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$2. cannongrange.org.

Sept. 2 to 5

Haddam Neck Fair, 26 Quarry Hill Road in the Haddam Neck section of Haddam. Highlights are Grateful Dead dance party, baby show, 5K road race, beard contest, helicopter rides. Friday 4 to 11 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$10, \$9 seniors and military, free to 12 and younger. haddamneckfair.com. **Woodstock Fair**, 281 Route 169. Highlights are karaoke contest, grapefruit bowling, wheelbarrow races, flapjack toss contest. Friday noon to 11 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission \$15, \$10 seniors and military, free to 10 and younger. Advance adult tickets are \$13. woodstockfair.com.

Sept. 3 to 5

Goshen Fair, 116 Old Middle St. Highlights are concert by Soul Sound Revue, frozen t-shirt contest, apple-fritter eating contest. Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission



This year’s Big E runs Sept. 16 to Oct. 2. SEAN PATRICK FOWLER

\$10, \$5 seniors Saturday only, free to 12 and younger. Discount coupon available online. goshenfair.org.

Sept. 8 to 11

Hebron Harvest Fair, 347 Gilead St. Highlights are a concert by country star Chris Cagle, demolition derby, BMX bike stunt show, beer and wine garden, Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute band. Thursday 4 to 10:30 p.m., Friday noon to midnight, Saturday 9 a.m. to midnight, Sunday 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. On Thursday, admission \$1, free to 12 and younger. On Friday, \$10 in advance, \$14 at the door, seniors free until 4 p.m., \$14 after 4 p.m., free for military and 12 and younger. On Saturday and Sunday, \$10 in advance, \$14 at the door, free for military and 12 and younger. Military family members and veterans \$2 discount with ID. hebronharvestfair.org. **North Haven Fair**, 290 Washington Ave. Highlights are a sock hop, wrestling, lawn mower racing, petting zoo. Thursday 5 to 10 p.m., Friday 3 to 11 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission \$5 on Thursday, \$10 every other day, free to 12 and younger, \$5 for seniors on Sunday. northhaven-fair.com.

Sept. 9 to 11

Bethlehem Fair, 384 Main St. North. Highlights include car show, wood chopping contest, Bethlehem Fair’s Got Talent show. Friday 5 to 10 p.m., Saturday 8 to 9:30 p.m., Sunday 8 to 5:30 p.m. Admission is \$10, \$9 seniors, free to 12 and younger. bethlehemfair.com.

Sept. 15 to 18

Four Town Fair, 56 Egypt Road in Somers. Highlights are car show, frog jumping contest, pie and corn eating contests. Thursday 4 to 9 p.m., Friday 4 to 11 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission on Thursday is \$6, \$5 seniors, 12 and younger free.

Admission on Friday is \$10 adults and children, \$5 seniors. Admission on Saturday and Sunday is \$10 adults, children and seniors. 4townfair.com.

Berlin Lions Agricultural Fair, 430 Beckley Road in East Berlin. Highlights are Berlin’s Got Talent, short-track racing. Thursday 4 to 10 p.m., Friday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission on Thursday only is \$10, \$15 with demolition derby. Admission other days is \$15, \$10 seniors, free for military and 11 and younger. ctberlinfair.com.

Sept. 16 to 18

Guilford Fair, Stone House Lane and Lovers Lane. Highlights are tribute performers honoring Foreigner and Bruce Springsteen, circus. Friday 4 to 11 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission \$10, \$8 seniors and military, 11 and younger free. guilfordfair.org.

Sept. 16 to Oct. 2

The Eastern States Exposition (The Big E), 1305 Memorial Ave. in West Springfield. Entertainment highlights are Dropkick Murphys on Sept. 16, KT Tunstall on Sept. 17, Canned Heat on Sept. 21 and 22, Nelly on Sept. 23, DJ Jazzy Jeff on Sept. 24, Jose Feliciano on Sept. 28 and 29, Lynyrd Skynyrd on Oct. 2. Connecticut Day is Sept. 21. Sunday to Thursday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Admission \$12 in advance, \$15 at the gate, ages 6 to 12 \$8 in advance, \$10 at the gate, Opening day \$10. Child 17-day pass is \$20. Adult 17-day pass is \$50. Midway Magic pass is \$30. Concert tickets range from \$39 to \$79 and include fair admission. thebigE.com.

Sept. 17 to 18

Orange Country Fair, 525 Orange Center Road. Highlights are pancake breakfasts, homing

pigeon release, antique car show. Saturday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission \$10, \$5 seniors and military, 14 and younger free. orangectfair.com.

Sept. 22 to 25

Durham Fair, 68 Main St. Highlights are antique-farm-equipment demo, scavenger hunt, bunny-hop contest, karaoke contest, monster truck show. Thursday 4 to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission Thursday only is \$9. Other days admission is \$15, seniors \$11, 11 and younger and military free. durhamfair.com.

Sept. 23 to 25

Wolcott Country Fair, 245 Wolcott St. Highlights are Lynyrd Skynyrd and Zac Brown tribute bands, beer garden, dock dogs, Frisbee dogs. Friday 5 to 11 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission \$10, \$8 seniors, free for military and 10 and younger. wolcottfair.com.

Sept. 30 to Oct. 2

Harwinton Fair, 150 Locust Road. Highlights are a circus, wood-chopping contests, rabbit costume contest, sing-along. Friday 4 to 9 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$10, free for 12 and younger. harwintonfair.com.

Oct. 7 to 9

Portland Agricultural Fair, Exchange Club Grounds on Route 17A. Highlights include wildlife show, archery shoot, wine tasting and seminar, police K9 demo. Friday 5 to 11 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission \$10, \$8 seniors, free for 9 and younger and military. portlandfair.com.

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Jones

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money in punitive damages, their lawyer, Mark Bankston, told the court during his opening statement as Jones looked on, shaking his head at times. Jones repeatedly “lied and attacked the parents of murdered children” when he told his Infowars audience that the shooting was a hoax, Bankston said. He created a “massive campaign of lies” and recruited “wild extremists from the fringes of the internet ... who were as cruel as Mr. Jones wanted them to be” to the families of the 20 first graders and six educators who were killed, the lawyer said. Jones tapped into the explosive popularity of Sandy Hook conspiracy stories that became an “obsession” for the website, even years after the shooting, said Bankston, who played video clips of Jones claiming on his program that the shooting was a hoax and “the whole thing was completely fake. ... It just

didn’t happen.” Anticipating that Jones’ lawyers would argue that what Jones said about Sandy Hook was speech protected by the First Amendment — Jones arrived at the courthouse wearing tape over his mouth with the message “Save the 1st” printed on it — Bankston told the jury, “This has nothing to do with the Constitution. Defamation is not protected by freedom of speech. ... Speech is free, but lies you have to pay for.” During the defense’s opening remarks, Jones’ lawyer Andino Reynal called Jones one of the “most polarizing figures in this nation,” who made statements about Sandy Hook “that we don’t dispute were wrong.” But he said Jones has already been punished for those statements when he was kicked off of Facebook, YouTube, Spotify and Twitter for violating their hate speech policies. Jones has “already been canceled” and lost millions of dollars, said Reynal, who called on the jury to limit the damages to \$1. Reynal painted a picture of a

talk show host who “tries to give an alternative view” but who was duped by some of his guests. “Alex Jones was wrong to believe these people, but he didn’t do it out of spite. He did it because he believed it. ... He believed a citizen has a right to get on Infowars and talk about what their questions are,” Reynal said. He also called the case an important one for free speech. “I believe in his right to say it, and I believe in every American’s right to choose what they watch, and listen to, and believe,” Reynal said. Between the two sides’ opening statements, Jones stepped outside of the courtroom to rant to reporters, calling it a “kangaroo court” and “show trial” that was an assault on the First Amendment. He didn’t return to the courtroom for the afternoon start of testimony, which included Infowars producer Daria Karpova taking the stand. Jones’ media company designated Karpova to testify about Infowars’ audience reach, and some of the video produced by

the website after the Sandy Hook shooting. The trial took a break for the rest of the day before she finished planned testimony. The jury could deal Jones a major financial blow that would put his constellation of conspiracy peddling businesses into deeper jeopardy. In addition to being banned from major social media platforms, he claims he’s millions of dollars in debt — a claim the plaintiffs reject. The Texas court and another in Connecticut found Jones liable for defamation for his portrayal of the Sandy Hook massacre as a hoax involving actors aimed at increasing gun control. In both states, the judges issued default judgments against Jones without trials because he failed to respond to court orders and turn over documents. In total, the families of eight Sandy Hook victims and an FBI agent who responded to the school are suing Jones and his company, Free Speech Systems. Jones has since acknowledged that the shooting took place. During

a deposition in April, Jones insisted he wasn’t responsible for the suffering that Sandy Hook parents say they have endured because of the hoax conspiracy, including death threats and harassment by Jones’ followers. Jones claimed in court records last year that he had a negative net worth of \$20 million, but attorneys for Sandy Hook families have painted a different financial picture. Court records show that Jones’ Infowars store, which sells nutritional supplements and survival gear, made more than \$165 million between 2015 and 2018. Jones has also urged listeners on his Infowars program to donate money. The tribal began Monday in Austin, Texas — where Jones lives and broadcasts his show — following months of delays. It also comes about two months after a gunman killed 19 children and two teachers at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, which is about 145 miles southwest of Austin. It was the deadliest school shooting since Sandy Hook.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Michael Smith, AKA Michael Stephen Smith (22-00612)

The Hon. Michael A. Carrier, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated July 25, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Heather Smith
c/o EDWARD H SMITH, EDWARD H. SMITH, JR., 40 HIGH STREET, BRISTOL, CT 06010
July 28, 2022 7258613

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Lucille R. Caprarola, AKA Lucille Rita Caprarola (22-0465)

The Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated July 25, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Rosemary L. Nolin, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Lee Caprarola, 40 Vliet Dr., Hillsborough, NJ 08844
Joan Fisler, 52-2 Blood St., Lyme, CT 06371
7/28/2022 7258334

**LEGAL NOTICE
OLD SAYBROOK ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Old Saybrook will hold a public hearing at its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room located at 302 Main Street, Old Saybrook and via teleconference

Public Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96174417686?pwd=Zk1kNmV2VlI3VVV1TUNINEZRSEs0QT09>
Meeting ID: 961 7441 7686
Meeting Passcode: 302302
Teleconference Dial-In: (929) 436-2866
One Tap Mobile: tel:/9294362866,96174417686# to hear the following:

22/23-1 Anna Kanaras seeks a variance of Par 24.6.2 (structure coverage/20% allowed/22.49% proposed) and Par 24.5.1 (street line setback/25' required/9.3 proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to permit the construction of an 80 s.f. front landing and an 816 s.f. detached garage at 2 Obed Trail, Map 19/Lot 306, Residence A District, Coastal Area Management Zone

22/23-2C Shannon Tatman & Tamara Wasserman seek a variance of Par 68.1.2B9, (tidal wetlands setback/50' required/34' proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to permit the construction of a 450 s.f. pool at 228 Maple Avenue, Map 7/Lot 99, Residence A-2 District, Coastal Area Management Zone, AE-11 Flood Zone.

22/23-3C Gina Kolb seeks a variance of Par 10.7.1/10.7.2 (non-conformity enlargement/change); Par 24.6.2 (structure coverage Gateway Conservation Zone/15% allowed/20.04% proposed); and Par 58.2 & Par 58.6 (Gateway riparian buffer & structure setback/100' required/all activity within 100' proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to permit the construction of a 437 s.f. pool and hot tub and an 80 s.f. 2nd story deck at 5 Lighthouse Lane, Map 23/Lot 77-4, Residence A District, Gateway Conservation Zone, Coastal Area Management Zone, AE 10 Flood Zone

At this hearing, interested persons may appear or submit written communication in advance.
Plans are available for review in the Land Use Department, 302 Main Street and at oldsaybrookct.gov/zoning/board-appeals
Old Saybrook Zoning Board of Appeals
Charles Gadon, Chairman
7/28 & 8/4/22 7252992

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Nieves B. Perez (22-00626)

The Hon. Michael A. Carrier, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated July 25, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Alicia Goodman
c/o STEPHEN MANGAN, ERICSON SCALISE & MANGAN, PC, 35 PEARL ST, STE 301, NEW BRITAIN, CT 06051
July 28, 2022 7258611

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Ellen M. Adams-Blight, AKA Ellen Maxine Adams-Blight, AKA Ellen M. Adams, AKA Ellen M. Blight (22-0452)

The Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated July 22, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Rosemary L. Nolin, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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c/o CYNTHIA JEAN GRIFFITH, SULLIVAN, GRIFFITH & BEATTY, LLP, 705 BOSTON POST ROAD, GUILDFORD, CT 06437
July 28, 2022 7258626

**TOWN OF DEEP RIVER
NOTICE OF DECISION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Deep River Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission, at a regular meeting held on July 14, 2022, took the following actions:

Granted Permit No. 6-22 to Paul and Vanessa Riggio for the purpose of construction of a 1,496 s.f. barn and 1,240 s.f. driveway within the 100 ft. regulated area on property at 252 Bushy Hill Road (Map 29, Lot 8A) as amended, subject to conditions on file in the Deep River Town Clerk's office.

Upheld Cease and Desist Order - Eugenio Jimenez, 2 Pinewood Trail, Deep River (Map 27, Lot 12) for regulated activities that have taken place without a permit and unsuccessful attempts for an after-the-fact application for said regulated activities.

Details of the decisions are available in the meeting minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Tanner Steeves, Chairman
Deep River Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commission
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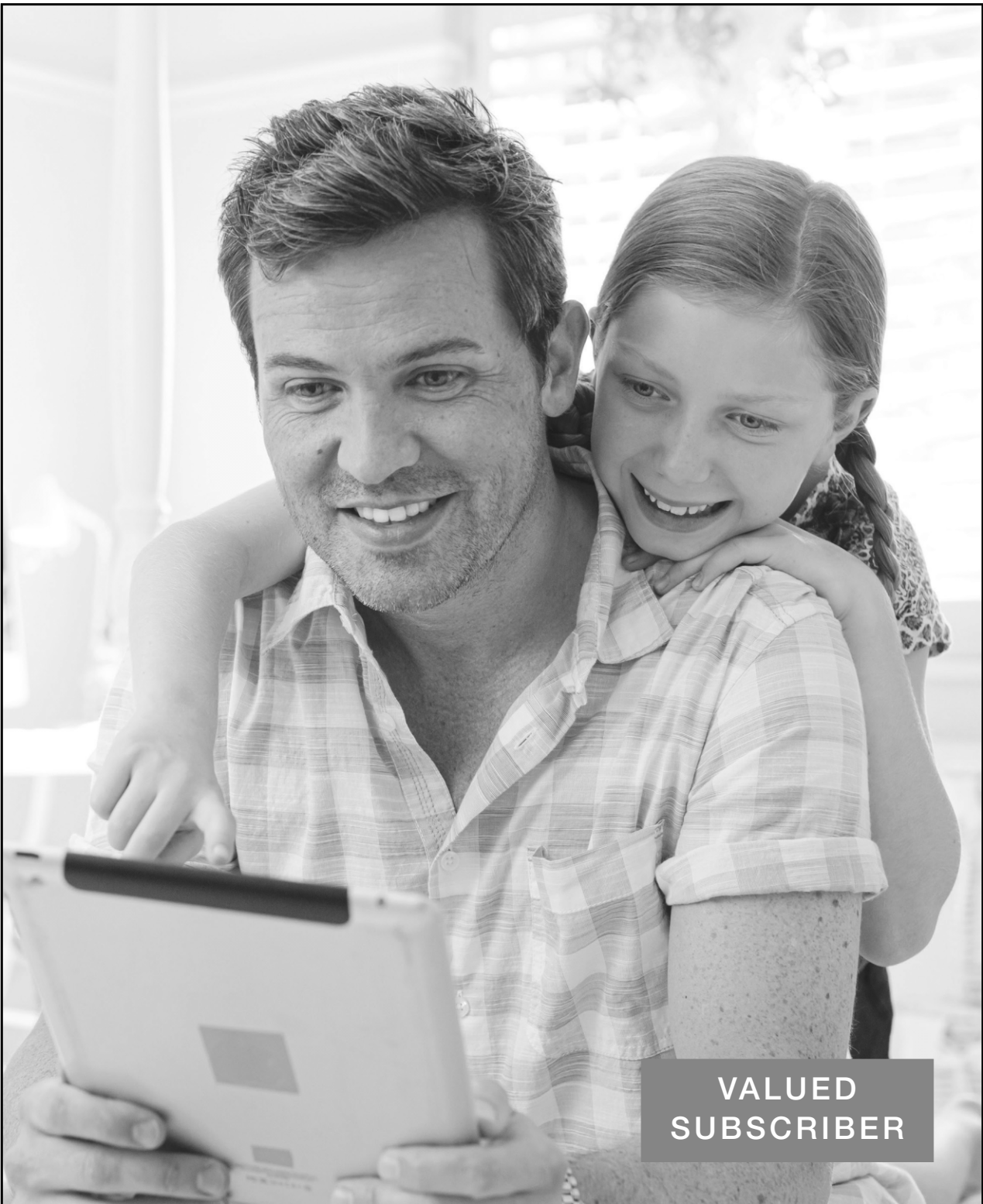
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BUSINESS

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Fed again boosts key rate in bid to counter inflation

Credit-tightening move comes as economy slows, heightening recession risk

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve on Wednesday raised its benchmark interest rate by a hefty three-quarters of a point for a second straight time in its most aggressive drive in three decades to tame high inflation.

The Fed's move will raise its key rate, which affects many consumer and business loans, to a range of 2.25% to 2.5%, its highest level since 2018.

The central bank's decision follows a jump in inflation to 9.1%, the fastest annual rate in 41 years, and reflects its strenuous efforts to slow price gains across the economy. By raising borrowing rates, the Fed makes it costlier to take out a mortgage or an auto or business loan. Consumers and businesses then presumably borrow and spend less, cooling the economy and slowing inflation.

The Fed is tightening credit even while the economy has begun to slow, thereby heightening the risk that its rate hikes

will cause a recession this year or next. The surge in inflation and fear of a recession have eroded consumer confidence and stirred public anxiety about the economy, which is sending frustratingly mixed signals.

With the November midterm elections nearing, Americans' discontent has diminished President Joe Biden's public approval ratings and increased the likelihood that the Democrats will lose control of the House and Senate.

The Fed's moves to sharply tighten credit have torpedoed the housing market, which is especially sensitive to interest rate changes. The average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage has roughly doubled in the past year, to 5.5%, and home sales have tumbled.

At the same time, consumers are showing signs of cutting spending in the face of high prices. And business surveys suggest that sales are slowing.

The central bank is betting it can slow growth just enough to tame inflation yet not so much as to trigger a recession — a risk that many analysts fear may end badly.

In a statement the Fed issued after its latest policy meeting ended, it acknowledged that while "indicators of spending and production have softened," "job gains have been robust in recent months, and the unemployment rate has remained low." The Fed typically assigns high importance to the pace of hiring and pay growth because when more people earn paychecks, the resulting spending can fuel inflation.

On Thursday, when the government estimates the gross domestic product for the April-June period, some economists think it may show that the economy shrank for a second straight quarter. That would meet one longstanding assumption for when a recession has begun.

But economists say that wouldn't necessarily mean a recession had started. During those same six months when the overall economy might have contracted, employers added 2.7 million jobs — more than in most entire years before the pandemic. Wages are also rising at a healthy pace, with many employers still struggling to attract and retain enough workers.

Buffett firm settlement ends racial bias lawsuit

By Ken Sweet
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A Pennsylvania mortgage company owned by billionaire businessman Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway discriminated against potential Black and Latino homebuyers in Philadelphia, New Jersey and Delaware, the Department of Justice said Wednesday, in what is being called the second-largest redlining settlement in history.

Trident Mortgage Co., a division of Berkshire's HomeServices of America, deliberately avoided writing mortgages in minority-majority neighborhoods in West Philadelphia; Camden, New Jersey; and in Wilmington, Delaware, the DOJ and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau said in their settlement with Trident. As part of the agreement with the DOJ and the CFPB, Trident will have to set aside \$20 million to make loans in underserved neighborhoods.

Redlining is a term used to describe when banks deliberately avoid making loans to nonwhite communities. Banks and the U.S. government used to draw on maps in red marker those neighborhoods that were deemed undesirable to make home loans — hence the term "redlining."

The neighborhoods were almost always areas where racial minorities lived, and even included other communities that faced historical discrimination, such as Jewish neighborhoods.

The practice effectively cut off entire communities from the primary pathway for wealth generation in the U.S.: homeownership.

To this day, Black and Latino households are far less likely to own their home compared with their white counterparts.

The redlining activity DOJ alleged happened between 2015 and 2019 — Trident stopped writing mortgages in 2020.



Jeremy Ward, who receives disability payments, was fined \$10 for using a leaf blower near his New York mobile home. LAUREN PETRACCA/AP

Parking cash in mobile homes

Rents, worries rise sharply after institutional investors' purchase of park properties

By Michael Casey
and Carolyn Thompson
Associated Press

LOCKPORT, N.Y. — For as long as anyone can remember, rent increases rarely happened at Ridgeview Homes, a family-owned mobile home park in upstate New York.

That changed in 2018 when corporate owners took over the 65-year-old park located amid farmland and down the road from a fast-food joint and grocery store about 30 miles northeast of Buffalo.

Residents, about half of whom are seniors or disabled people on fixed incomes, put up with the first two increases. They hoped the latest owner, Cook Properties, would address the bourbon-colored drinking water, sewage bubbling into their bathtubs and the pothole-filled roads.

When that didn't happen and a new lease with a 6% increase was imposed this year, they formed an association. About half the residents launched a rent strike in May, prompting Cook Properties to send out

about 30 eviction notices.

"All they care about is raising the rent because they only care about the money," said Jeremy Ward, 49, who gets by on just over \$1,000 a month in disability pay. He was recently fined \$10 for using a leaf blower.

The plight of residents at Ridgeview is playing out nationwide as institutional investors, led by private equity firms and real estate investment trusts and sometimes funded by pension funds, swoop in to buy mobile home parks.

The purchases are putting residents in a bind, since most mobile homes cannot be moved easily or cheaply. Owners are forced to either accept unaffordable rent increases, spend thousands of dollars to move their home, or abandon it and lose tens of thousands of dollars they invested.

"These industries, including mobile home park manufacturing industry, keep touting these parks, these mobile homes, as affordable housing. But it's not affordable," said Benjamin Bellus, an assistant attorney general in Iowa, who said complaints have gone up "one hundredfold" since out-of-state investors started buying up parks a few years ago.

Driven by some of the strongest returns in real estate, investors have shaken up a sector that's home to more than 22 million

mostly low-income Americans in 43,000 communities. Many aggressively promote the parks as ensuring a steady return — by repeatedly raising rent.

"You went from an environment where you had a local owner or manager who took care of things as they needed fixing, to where you had people who were looking at a cost-benefit analysis for how to get the penny squeezed lowest," Bellus said. "You combine it with an idea that we can just keep raising the rent, and these people can't leave."

George McCarthy, president and CEO of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, a Massachusetts think tank, said parks containing about a fifth of mobile home lots nationwide have been purchased by institutional investors over the past eight years.

McCarthy singled out Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac for guaranteeing the loans as part of what the lending giants bill as expanding affordable housing. Since 2014, the Lincoln Institute estimates Freddie Mac alone provided \$9.6 billion in financing for the purchase of more than 950 communities across 44 states.

A spokesman for Freddie Mac said it had purchased loans for less than 3% of the mobile home communities nationwide, and about 60% of those were refinances.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

UK rail workers in 24-hour strike

LONDON — Britain's railway network ground to a crawl on Wednesday after 40,000 staff walked off the job in a dispute over jobs, pay and working conditions. Train companies said only about a fifth of services across the country were due to run.

The 24-hour strike by cleaners, signalers, maintenance workers and station staff comes a month after the country's most disruptive rail walkout in three decades brought trains to a halt across the U.K. at the start of the summer holiday season.

Negotiations aimed at resolving the dispute are deadlocked. The National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers says employers' latest pay offer falls short amid soaring inflation — currently 9.4% — and the worst cost-of-living crisis in decades.

Germany to act on EV payments

BERLIN — The German government plans to reduce incentive payments for buyers of electric cars and end subsidies for buying plug-in hybrids at the end of this year.

The government had announced shortly after taking office in December that, starting in 2023, it would only provide payments for electric vehicles that "demonstrably have a positive climate-protection effect." It unveiled details of the new system late Tuesday.

At present, buyers of electric-only cars are eligible for government incentives of up to \$6,100 and people who buy plug-in hybrids can get up to \$4,570.

The government said the number of electric cars on the road is rising fast, with the total expected to near 2 million this year.

New rule to maintain 2-person train crews

By Josh Funk
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Major railroads will be required to maintain two-person crews under a new rule announced Wednesday that will thwart industry efforts to cut crews down to one person.

The Federal Railroad Administration said in a rule published in the Federal Register that railroads will be required to continue using two-person crews in most circumstances as they haul all kinds of cargo, including hazardous materials, across the country. But there will be an exception to allow short-line railroads that have already been using one-man crews to continue using them and railroads can

apply for permission to use smaller crews if they can prove it is safe.

Railroads have sought the discretion to operate trains with only one person and move conductors to ground-based jobs in places where automatic braking systems have been installed. It has been a key issue in deadlocked contract talks between freight railroads and their 12 unions, currently being reviewed by a special board of arbitrators appointed this month by President Joe Biden.

Labor groups have opposed one-person crews for years due to what they say are concerns about both safety and jobs. Labor agreements requiring two-person crews have been in place for roughly 30 years at major railroads, although many short-line

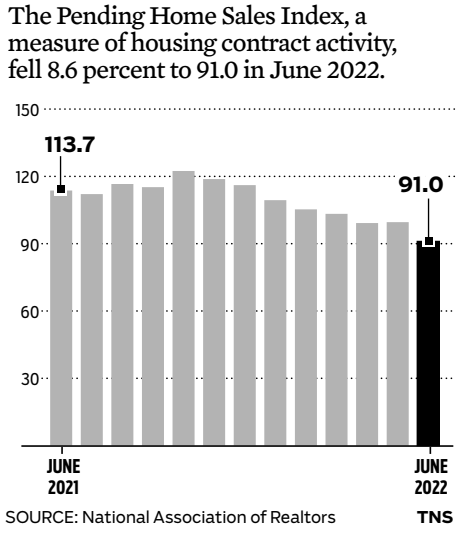
railroads operate with one-man crews.

"This proposed rule acknowledges that crew size is fundamentally a safety issue at its core," said Greg Regan, president of the AFL-CIO's Transportation Trades Department coalition that represents rail unions.

Arbitrators reviewing contract talks that began more than two years ago are listening to proposals from both sides this week. Federal law prohibits rail unions from striking until mid-September while that board develops a set of recommendations. Both sides can negotiate a deal based on those recommendations.

Federal officials said the proposed rule will replace the existing patchwork of state laws on railroad crew sizes with a national standard.

Pending home sales



BUSINESS



After its founding with oil industry wealth, the Rockefeller Foundation is shifting its focus to climate change. Above, wind turbines near Bad Harzburg, Germany. **MATTHIAS SCHRADER/AP**

Foundation funded by fossil fuel to fight climate change

By Thalia Beaty
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Rockefeller Foundation, created with wealth generated from the oil industry more than a century ago, plans to make the fight against climate change central to all of its work, including its operations and investments.

In a letter released Tuesday, the foundation's president Dr. Rajiv Shah acknowledged the "irony" that his organization's founder John Rockefeller "made his fortune by fueling a growing United States with carbon."

Speaking in advance of the announcement, Shah said that all institutions that benefited from the development driven by fossil fuels have a responsibility to battle climate change.

"Obviously, an institution like the Rockefeller Foundation has an even higher level of responsibility because we're an even bigger beneficiary of that process," he said. The Rockefeller Foundation funds part of The Associated Press' coverage of climate change.

The commitment builds

on the foundation's decision to divest its more than \$6 billion endowment from fossil fuels starting in 2020, though it still has what Shah called negligible exposure. The foundation also partnered with the Ikea Foundation and the Bezos Earth Fund to launch an international consortium to accelerate the transition to renewable energy, with all three nonprofits giving \$500 million. The consortium has since raised around \$10 billion in additional funds, the foundation said.

"The reason for doing this is basically to put down a marker about our ambition, our sense of urgency and our willingness to be transformational in order to deepen our partnerships with others, to try to actually change the course of the climate equation on this planet," Shah said.

The Rockefeller Foundation plans to take a year to study where it can make the most effective partnerships and investments.

"Our process is really less about closing, locking ourselves in a closet and reading and modeling spreadsheets, and more

about listening to and speaking to leading individuals, institutions, heads of state and the people we ultimately serve," Shah said.

The foundation remains committed to its current grantees, a spokesperson said.

The foundation argues that the new commitment does not change its mission "to promote the well-being of humanity throughout the world."

Established in 1913, the foundation focused on public health, including mass vaccination campaigns and the founding of public health authorities around the world. Its first environment-related program launched in 1969. The foundation's current work continues to focus on public health as well as access to renewable energy, economic equity and food access. In 2021, the foundation said it had distributed the equivalent of \$22 billion in its history.

Philanthropic giving to climate change mitigation represented just 2% of total global philanthropic giving in 2020, according to an analysis by the ClimateWorks Foundation.

Study: Millennials don't stray far from where they grew up

By Mike Schneider
Associated Press

Growing up in midsize Virginia Beach, Andrew Waldholtz wanted to leave Virginia to live in a big city, so he moved to the District of Columbia for college. After four years in the comparatively expensive city, he realized he wanted a place to live that was more affordable.

Waldholtz, 35, eventually found a happy compromise in St. Louis, whose Midwestern affordability and opportunities to build his career in corporate compliance had the added bonus that his sister and brother-in-law lived there.

Now living 940 miles away from Virginia Beach, Waldholtz is in a distinct minority among others who reached adulthood in the 21st century in that he resides a half-continent away from where he grew up, according to a new study by U.S. Census Bureau and Harvard University researchers released this week.

The study found that by age 26, more than two-thirds of young adults in the U.S. lived in the same area where they grew up, 80% had moved less than 100 miles away and 90% resided less than 500 miles away.

Migration distances were shorter for Black and Hispanic individuals, compared to white and Asian young adults, and the children of higher income parents traveled farther away from their hometowns than those of less wealthy parents, according to the study.

"For many individuals, the 'radius of economic opportunity' is quite narrow," the report said.

Young adulthood is a period in life when migration is highest in the country. The study looked at the likelihood of people born primarily between 1984 and



A runner jogs along Lake Michigan in Chicago, which attracts some millennials from other U.S. spots. **KIICHIRO SATO/AP**

1992 moving away from the commuting zone they grew up in. Commuting zones are made up of one or more counties that reflect a local labor market, and there are more than 700 commuting zones in the U.S. The birth range in the study overlaps the generation typically referred to as millennials.

It turns out that the most common destinations for young adults were concentrated near where they grew up, said the study, which utilized decennial census, survey and tax data.

For instance, three quarters of people who grew up in the Chicago area stayed there. Rockford was the top destination for people who moved away and stayed in Illinois but only represented less than 1% of the young adults from Chicago. Los Angeles was the top destination for those who moved out of state but that accounted for only 1.1% of young adults from Chicago, according to an interactive data tool that accompanies the study.

Where young adults moved to varied by race.

Atlanta was the most popular destination for young Black adults moving away from their hometowns, followed by Houston and Washington. Young Black adults who grew up in high-income households were multiple times more likely to move to these cities

in a "New Great Migration" than those from low-income families, according to the study.

For white adults leaving their hometowns, New York, Los Angeles, Washington, Denver and Chicago were the most population destinations. Los Angeles and New York were the top two destinations for Asians and Hispanic young adults.

Despite the region's economic woes and the prospect of job opportunities elsewhere, young adults in Appalachia were less likely to move far from their hometowns compared to those of similar incomes living elsewhere, the report said.

The reluctance of millennials to move far away is backed up by recent studies showing declines in mobility in the U.S. for the overall population.

In the middle of the last century, about a fifth of U.S. residents, not just young adults, moved each year. That figure has dropped steadily since the 1950s, going from about 20% to 8.4% last year, due to an aging population, dual-income households and, more recently, the pandemic, according to a recent report from Brookings.

MARKET RUNDOWN

Thursday, July 28, 2022

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Natural Gas (mm btu)	8.67	8.99	+132.39%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.43	3.36	+53.88%
METALS			
Gold (oz)	1,719.10	1,717.70	-5.93%
Silver (oz)	18.55	18.49	-20.47%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

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China	.1480	6.7585
Euro	1.0198	.9806
Japan	.007330	136.43
Mexico	.049122	20.3575

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3-mo. T-Bill	2.42	2.46
6-mo. T-Bill	2.91	3.02
5-yr T-Note	2.82	2.87
10-yr T-Note	2.74	2.78
30-yr T-Bond	3.01	3.00

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	13,166.38	+69.45	+5.3%	-17.11%
London	7,348.23	+41.95	+5.7%	-.49%
Hong Kong	20,670.04	-235.84	-1.13%	-11.66%
Nikkei	27,715.75	+60.54	+0.22%	-3.74%

Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	32,197.59	+436.05	-11.39%
DOW Trans.	13,847.01	+232.87	-15.97%
DOW Util.	983.96	+1.53	+.32%
NYSE Comp.	15,031.04	+237.48	-12.43%
Nasdaq Comp.	12,032.42	+469.85	-23.09%
S&P 500	4,023.61	+102.56	-15.58%
S&P 400	2,442.91	+45.83	-14.04%
Wilshire 5000	40,058.50	+1,036.78	-17.34%
Russell 2000	1,848.34	+43.09	-17.68%

Stocks of Local Interest							
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Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	89.82	+4.57	-37.6	MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	31.41	+1.48	-30.0
Allena Pharmaceuticl (ALNA)	.12	...	-80.6	Marathon Digital Hld (MARA)	12.32	+2.21	-75.8
Alphabet Inc C (GOOG)	113.60	+8.16	-21.5	Meta Platforms Inc (META)	169.58	+10.43	-49.6
Alphabet Inc A (GOOGL)	113.06	+8.04	-21.9	MetLife Inc (MET)	62.25	+1.00	-.4
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American Airlines Gp (AAL)	13.97	+.54	-22.2	Mullen Automotive (MULN)	.87	-.01	-83.4
Amphenol Corp (APH)	74.43	+4.90	-14.9	Norwegian Cruise Ln (NCLH)	11.50	+.32	-44.6
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	6.55	+.14	-16.2	Novartis AG (NVS)	86.75	-.09	-.8
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Imperial Petroleum (IMPP)	.44	-.05	-79.4	World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	68.15	-1.24	+38.1
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	18.71	+.80	-26.1	XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	54.10	+1.28	-30.1
Intel Corp (INTC)	40.18	+1.22	-22.0	Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	16.72	+.34	-26.1
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Was last week the beginning of the end for Trump?



Jonah Goldberg

“It’s not like in the movies,” is good advice for almost any field or endeavor, from war to Wall Street. But perhaps nowhere is it more true than in politics.

At the end of “Mr. Smith Goes to Washington,” Claude Rains admits he was the villain all along. Lonesome Rhodes, the populist demagogue played to perfection by Andy Griffith in “A Face in the Crowd,” has a hot-mic moment on TV and the audience gets cathartic release seeing his schemes fall apart.

Six years ago, I predicted that many conservatives would, like Alec Guinness’ Col. Nicholson in “The Bridge on the River Kwai,” have an epiphany about their misguided role in abetting Trump. “I don’t know whether Trump will win the nomination or the presidency,” I wrote. “But I am fairly certain that if he does, a great many people will one day say, ‘My God, what have I done?’”

I wasn’t entirely wrong, but I was wrong in the ways that matter.

It was Gen. Douglas MacArthur who

popularized the saying, “Old soldiers never die; they just fade away.” What’s true of old soldiers is also true of most demagogues. Sen. Joseph McCarthy served more than two years after his censure, a broken morphine addict, but with ample supporters. Father Coughlin, the antisemitic “radio priest,” remained a parish pastor for another quarter-century after he lost his microphone in 1940.

Political movements have a half-life; it’s impossible to predict how long they will last. Donald Trump’s has kicked in.

A month ago, the Washington Examiner editorialized that Trump was unfit for office. The Examiner’s owners shuttered the Weekly Standard at least in part because of its opposition to Donald Trump. Last Friday, the Wall Street Journal and the New York Post, both owned by Rupert Murdoch, declared Trump should fade away. The Post wrote in an editorial that “as a matter of principle, as a matter of character, Trump has proven himself unworthy to be this country’s chief executive again.” The Journal echoed the sentiment: “Character is revealed in a crisis, and Mr. Pence passed his Jan. 6 trial. Mr. Trump utterly failed his.”

Some would argue it shouldn’t have taken Jan. 6 to grasp Trump’s character, but that misses the point. Trump’s hold on the right is in the process of terminal decay. On Friday night, when Trump was haranguing rallygoers, Murdoch-controlled Fox News was running an interview with Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis.

Trump’s endorsements can still matter, particularly in crowded primaries. But they often fail to make the difference, as in Georgia, where some of Trump’s most hated Republicans — Gov. Brian Kemp and Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger — won handily. In other cases, his endorsements are lagging indicators; he picks the inevitable winner because they are inevitable.

A recent New York Times-Siena College poll showed Joe Biden’s presidency to be on life-support. It was brutal in every regard save one: Despite being wildly unpopular with Democrats, Biden still beat Donald Trump in a head-to-head matchup.

There’s a lot of handwringing over whether Trump will announce his candidacy for another presidential run before the 2022 midterms. Trump could still win the 2024 GOP nomination. But it is worth

recognizing that this gambit is a sign of growing weakness. Trump sees the tide going out as his former loyalists depart without him and is desperate to raise sail before it is too late. Polls of Republicans can be misleading. He still has diehard supporters, but a lot of Republicans — voters and politicians — would rather just move on than admit they were wrong.

One explanation for Murdoch and others turning on Trump is they recognize he could cost the GOP dearly in the midterms. Another explanation is to signal to Trump he can’t expect a coronation and to donors and Republican politicians that there is room to break from him. Many White House hopefuls got that message.

What’s missing is any meaningful admission for the role many played in creating Trump in the first place. Passionate opponents of Trump want that satisfaction, but they will never get it. Instead, the most likely scenario is that in a few years, many of Trump’s former accomplices, apologists and abettors will simply marvel at the strange chapter they helped author.

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Panel unearthed important findings



Carl P. Leubsdorf

When President Donald Trump’s supporters assaulted the U.S. Capitol, it was evident they were trying — with his encouragement — to prevent Congress from certifying Joe Biden’s victory in the 2020 election.

Now, as radio commentator Paul Harvey used to say, we know the rest of the story. Or at least most of it.

That’s because the House Jan. 6 committee’s investigation, and its eight carefully staged hearings, left no doubt the former president was directly responsible for initiating, inspiring and failing to stop the most serious domestic assault on American democracy since the Civil War.

Its hearings have provided detailed proof for Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell’s assertion that Trump was “practically and morally responsible” for that day’s events. Or, as Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., put it, “Trump summoned the mob, assembled the mob and lit the flame.”

Here are the 10 most important things about Jan. 6 that the hearings have made clear:

■ Trump always planned to claim fraud, regardless of the specifics, if he was losing to Biden. He often said before the 2020 election that was the only way he could lose to his Democratic rival. His longtime confidant, Steve Bannon, confirmed that was his preelection intent.

■ Trump knew that his persistent, undocumented claims of widespread election fraud were false. That’s because numerous members of his own camp told him so, including his own attorney general, his campaign manager, family members and top White House aides.

■ Trump pressured officials in several key states to reverse the results and his own Justice Department to let him pursue the fraud allegations it had already rejected. An Atlanta grand jury is weighing possible criminal charges stemming from his much-publicized phone call urging Georgia election officials to reverse Biden’s victory by some 13,000 votes there.

■ Trump was directly involved in initiating the demonstration that preceded the attack on the Capitol while it was formalizing his election defeat. His supporters considered as a call to arms his Dec. 20, 2020, tweet: “Big protest in D.C. on January 6th. Be there, will be wild!” Top advisers predicted in advance there would be violence.

■ Trump knew many demonstrators that day were heavily armed and sought to protect them by not enforcing the usual security restrictions at his midday rally. He



Former President Donald Trump is shown June 13 during a hearing of the House select committee. **KENT NISHIMURA/LOS ANGELES TIMES**

said he was unconcerned because he knew he wasn’t their target.

■ Trump’s call for the protesters to go to the Capitol at the end of his Jan. 6 rally speech was planned from the outset. Some leaders of participating groups said they were told to keep it secret so it would look spontaneous.

■ Trump demanded that his own security officials let him go to the Capitol with his supporters, though his intent remains unclear. He clashed with his own Secret Service detail when told he couldn’t go because they could not ensure his security. ■ Trump exerted pressure on Vice President Mike Pence to exert powers he did not have and assist his effort to overturn the result by rejecting state certifications of their electoral votes. Pence, supremely loyal to Trump for four years, resisted and did his constitutional duty. When demonstrators threatened Pence, aides heard Trump say he “deserves it.”

■ Trump considered invoking the most extraordinary presidential powers intended for national emergencies as part of his effort to overturn the election results, but his top legal advisers talked him out of it. On Jan. 6, he ignored their advice to invoke his authority to quell the violence.

■ While the insurrection raged, Trump resisted for hours the pleas of those who beseeched him to call off the protesters, choosing instead to keep calling senators to urge them to reject the results. Committee members said it raised a question whether he violated his oath to “preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.”

Nineteen months later, Trump continues to lie about the 2020 election, having convinced millions of Americans including a majority of Republicans there was substantial fraud despite the absence of evidence. According to Axios’ Jonathan Swan, he has ousted all advisers who dispute that.

Republican congressional leaders have refused to discuss the substance of the hearings, including their own pleas for Trump to quell the violence on Jan. 6. They questioned the veracity of witnesses and procedural aspects like House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s rejection of two Republican House members for the panel after the GOP torpedoed her original plan for a totally bipartisan probe.

Trump has regularly denounced panel members, especially Cheney, and

witnesses. But virtually every person whose testimony was shown live or taped was a Republican, a former Trump aide or a nonpolitical police officer.

More seriously, Trump apparently sought to influence the testimony of several potential witnesses who were preparing to testify about what they saw on Jan. 6, committee members said.

This all explains why they have suggested Trump — and possibly some top aides, like former chief of staff Mark Meadows — violated federal laws barring obstruction of congressional proceedings or engaging in a criminal conspiracy to defraud the United States.

Final decisions on possible criminal charges will be made by the Department of Justice and the attorney general, Merrick Garland.

But the American people, starting with Republican leaders and primary voters, will determine Trump’s ultimate fate. After these hearings, there will be no excuse for any of them saying they didn’t know what happened.

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Dems need to think first before helping extremist GOP candidates

By Jonathan Bernstein
Bloomberg Opinion

Why are Democrats boosting an extremist candidate challenging incumbent Republican U.S. Rep. Peter Meijer in a Michigan primary election?

The Democrats have been using the same strategy in primary after primary. “Criticize” a fringe-y candidate for being “too conservative” in advertising intended to help that candidate with Republican primary voters — the ones who love to find the most conservative candidate.

While a lot of people have slammed the strategy for the possibility that it will lead to electing the very extremists whom Democrats deplore, there’s a legitimate case to be made for it in some instances. Democrats aren’t responsible for creating the problem of Republican voters who cast ballots for terrible general election candidates. Nor are they responsible for candidates willing to embrace unpopular policy positions in order to win primaries by appealing to those voters.

There’s a good argument that any Republican congressional majority would be dangerous to democracy (in addition to,

from the Democrats’ perspective, making poor policy choices), and what matters is preventing Republicans from achieving that majority — and so risking the election of a few extra extremists is a reasonable trade-off for reducing the chances of Republicans winning more seats.

But the wisdom of pursuing that strategy has to depend on context. The Michigan contest involves a House seat, not the Senate. The Senate is a toss-up, and there are only a handful of competitive seats to begin with. What’s more, the difference between 49 and 50 Democratic senators is the difference between confirming executive branch nominees and judges or not.

But the House ... well, it may not be impossible for Democrats to hold their majority in that chamber, but the odds are surely low. The FiveThirtyEight model gives Republicans an 85% chance of winning a majority, and it would be historically remarkable for Democrats to avoid losing seats in a midterm election taking place with an unpopular Democratic president in the White House.

And while Democrats can argue that the difference between a fringe Republican and a mainstream conservative isn’t a big

deal when it comes to protecting democracy, that isn’t accurate in the Michigan case. Meijer is one of the 10 House Republicans who voted in favor of impeaching President Donald Trump after the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. Democrats could note that Meijer voted with his party on other votes they consider important to democracy, but his vote to impeach a fellow Republican should be a big deal.

That doesn’t mean that Democrats shouldn’t contest the seat, which is in a western Michigan district where Democrats seem to be strong, and is therefore one of a small number of pickup opportunities for the party.

But the case for trying to take Meijer out in a primary by helping him to lose to an extremist is a lot weaker. Incentives matter in politics, and if Democrats treat those who stood up for democracy when it mattered the same way they treat those who didn’t, what kinds of incentives will that create? The more that those who stood up to Trump lose in primaries, the more Republican party actors will believe in Trump’s influence, which in turn will make him that much more influential within the party.

The spending against Meijer is coming from the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, not a Democratic candidate running for the seat. The campaign committee’s job is to win elections for Democrats, not to save democracy or establish healthy incentives within the Republican Party. But there are limits to what parties and candidates should do to win, and in this and similar primaries, it’s hard to defend what Democrats are up to.

It’s not clear if these kinds of campaigns make any difference; experts believe Meijer was already in trouble and baroque political gambits regularly get more attention than they deserve. Voters are probably less vulnerable to other-party influence than they are to normal campaign messages, and if there’s one thing we can rely on, it’s political pundits focusing more on ads and fancy campaign strategies than on basic fundamentals of elections.

What Democrats are doing in the Michigan House race appears to be a low-reward, high-risk plan — one that may have unfortunate effects.

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HOW TO PROTECT YOUR MEMORY

Neuroscientist’s latest book proposes simple tips you can do to prevent a decline in remembering

By Hope Reese | The New York Times

As we age, our memory declines. This is an ingrained assumption for many of us; however, according to neuroscientist Dr. Richard Restak, a neurologist and clinical professor at George Washington Hospital University School of Medicine and Health, decline is not inevitable.

The author of more than 20 books on the mind, Restak has decades’ worth of experience in guiding patients with memory problems. “The Complete Guide to Memory: The Science of Strengthening Your Mind,” Restak’s latest book, includes tools such as mental exercises, sleep habits and diet that can help boost memory.

Yet, Restak ventures beyond this familiar territory, considering every facet of memory — how memory is connected to creative thinking, technology’s impact on memory, how memory shapes identity. “The point of the book is to overcome the everyday problems of memory,” Restak said.

Especially working memory, which falls between immediate recall and long-term memory, and is tied to intelligence, concentration and achievement. According to Restak, this is the most critical type of memory, and exercises to strengthen it should be practiced daily. But bolstering all memory skills, he added, is key to warding off later memory issues.

Memory decline is not inevitable with aging, Restak argues in the book. Instead, he points to 10 “sins,” or “stumbling blocks that can lead to lost or distorted memories.” Seven were first described by psychologist and memory specialist Daniel Lawrence Schacter — “sins of omission,” such as absent-mindedness, and “sins of commission,” such as distorted memories.

To those, Restak added three

of his own: technological distortion, technological distraction and depression.

Ultimately, “we are what we can remember,” he said. Here are some of Restak’s tips for developing and maintaining a healthy memory.

Pay more attention

Some memory lapses are actually attention problems, not memory problems. For instance, if you’ve forgotten the name of someone you met at a cocktail party, it could be because you were talking with several people at the time and you didn’t properly pay attention when you heard it.

“Inattention is the biggest cause for memory difficulties,” Restak said. “It means you didn’t properly encode the memory.”

One way to pay attention when you learn new information, such as a name, is to visualize the word. Having a picture associated with the word, Restak said, can improve recall. For instance, he recently had to memorize the name of a doctor, Dr. King (an easy example, he acknowledged). So he pictured a male doctor “in a white coat with a crown on his head and a scepter instead of a stethoscope in his hand.”

Find regular everyday memory challenges

There are many memory exercises that you can integrate into everyday life. Restak suggested composing a grocery list and

memorizing it. When you get to the store, don’t automatically pull out your list (or your phone) — instead, pick up everything according to your memory.

“Try to see the items in your mind,” he said, and only consult the list at the end, if necessary. If you’re not going to the store, try memorizing a recipe. He added that frequent cooking is actually a great way to improve working memory.

Once in a while, get in the car without turning on your GPS and try to navigate through the streets from memory. A small 2020 study suggested that people who used GPS more frequently over time showed a steeper cognitive decline in spatial memory three years later.

Play games

Games such as bridge and chess are great for memory, but so is a simpler game, said Restak. For instance, Restak’s “favorite working memory game” is 20 Questions — in which a group (or a single person) thinks of a person, place or object, and the other person, the questioner, asks 20 questions with a yes-or-no answer. To succeed, he said, the questioner must hold all of the previous answers in memory in order to guess the correct answer.

Another of Restak’s tried-and-true memory exercises simply requires a pen and paper or audio recorder. First, recall all of the U.S. presidents, starting with President Joe Biden and going back to, say, Franklin D. Roosevelt, writing or recording them. Then, do the same, from FDR to Biden. Next, name only the Democratic presidents, and only the Republican ones. Last, name them in alphabetical order.

Beware of technology

Among Restak’s three new sins of memory, two are associated with

technology.

First is what he calls “technological distortion.” Storing everything on your phone means that “you don’t know it,” Restak said, which can erode our own mental abilities. “Why bother to focus, concentrate and apply effort to visualize something when a cellphone camera can do all the work for you?” he wrote.

The second way our relationship with technology is detrimental for memory is because it often takes our focus away from the task at hand. “In our day, the greatest impediment of memory is distraction,” Restak wrote. Many of these tools have been designed with the aim of addicting the person using them, and, as a result, we are often distracted by them. People today can check their email while streaming Netflix, talking with a friend or walking down the street. All of this impedes our ability to focus on the present moment, which is critical for encoding memories.

Work with a mental health professional if you need to

Your mood plays a big role in what you do or do not remember.

Depression, for instance, can greatly decrease memory. Among “people who are referred to neurologists for memory issues, one of the biggest causes is depression,” Restak said.

Your emotional state affects the kind of memories you recall. The hippocampus (or “memory entry center,” according to Restak) and the amygdala (the part of the brain that manages emotions and emotional behavior) are linked — so “when you’re in a bad mood, or depressed, you tend to remember sad things,” Restak said. Treating depression — either chemically or via psychotherapy — often restores memory.

Research finds lonely childhoods could make adult drinking issues more likely

HealthDay News

Having friends in childhood may help keep you sober as a young adult, new research suggests.

Researchers from Arizona State University interviewed more than 300 college students who participated in assessments that focused on childhood loneliness, stress levels and drinking behaviors. The results determined there was a link between feelings of loneliness in their

pre-adolescent years and current drinking and stress levels.

“In young adults, childhood loneliness before age 12 was associated with perceived stress right now and affected dysregulated drinking,” said study author Julie Patock-Peckham, an assistant research professor in ASU’s Department of Psychology.

The research predicts a grim future as alcohol usage continues to increase across the country. More

women are turning to drink, according to data from the U.S. National Institutes of Health that found that alcohol use in women is more likely to result in higher rates of alcohol abuse than it does in men. Another study found that the pandemic was responsible for a surge in drinking rates by as much as 14% in adults older than 30.

“The data used in this study were collected before the pandemic, and the find-

ings suggest that we could have another public health crisis on our hands in a few years as today’s children grow up,” Patock-Peckham said.

The researchers only found an association between child loneliness and later alcohol trends, not a cause-and-effect link.

The study, funded by the U.S. National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, was published online in the journal Addictive Behaviors Reports.



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Abortion laws’ repercussions in other med care

Doctors delaying miscarriages, some choosing sterilization

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

A sexual assault survivor chooses sterilization so that if she is ever attacked again, she won’t be forced to give birth to a rapist’s baby. An obstetrician delays inducing a miscarriage until a woman with severe pregnancy complications seems “sick enough.” A lupus patient must stop taking medication that controls her illness because it can also cause miscarriages.

Abortion restrictions in a number of states and the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* are having profound repercussions in reproductive medicine as well as in other areas of medical care.

“For physicians and patients alike, this is a frightening and fraught time, with new, unprecedented concerns about data privacy, access to contraception, and even when to begin lifesaving care,” said Dr. Jack Resneck, president of the American Medical Association.

Even in medical emergencies, doctors are sometimes declining immediate treatment. Recently, an Ohio abortion clinic received calls from two women with ectopic pregnancies — when an embryo grows outside the uterus and can’t be saved — who said their doctors wouldn’t treat them. Ectopic pregnancies often become life-threatening emergencies and abortion clinics aren’t set up to treat them.

Medical dilemmas

Dr. Jessian Munoz, an OB-GYN in San Antonio, Texas, who treats high-risk pregnancies, said medical decisions used to be clear cut.

“It was like, the mom’s life is in danger, we must evacuate the uterus by whatever means that may



Julie Ann Nitsch, a sexual assault survivor, is shown in a Texas hospital before surgery to remove her fallopian tubes in February. Nitsch says she chose sterilization at age 36 rather than risk getting pregnant by another rapist. **JULIE ANN NITSCH**

be,” he said. “Whether it’s surgical or medical — that’s the treatment.”

Now, he said, doctors whose patients develop pregnancy complications are struggling to determine whether a woman is “sick enough” to justify an abortion.

Munoz said he faced an awful predicament with a recent patient who had started to miscarry and developed a dangerous womb infection. The fetus still had signs of a heartbeat, so an immediate abortion — the usual standard of care — would have been illegal under Texas law.

“We physically watched her get sicker and sicker and sicker” until the fetal heartbeat stopped the next day, “and then we could intervene,” he said. The patient developed complications, required surgery, lost multiple liters of blood

and had to be put on a breathing machine “all because we were essentially 24 hours behind.”

In a recent study published in the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, doctors at two Texas hospitals cited the cases of 28 women less than 23 weeks pregnant who were treated for dangerous pregnancies. The doctors noted that all of the women had recommended abortions delayed by nine days because fetal heart activity was detected. Of those, nearly 60% developed severe complications — nearly double the number of complications experienced by patients in other states who had immediate therapeutic abortions. Of eight live births among the Texas cases, seven died within hours. The eighth, born at 24 weeks, had severe complications

including brain bleeding, a heart defect, lung disease and intestinal and liver problems.

Before it overturned *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court never allowed states to ban abortion before the point when a fetus can survive outside the womb — roughly 24 weeks.

Chicago diversity executive Sheena Gray survived a harrowing pregnancy-ending experience last year, when doctors discovered she had an embryo in a fallopian tube and an eight-week fetus in her womb. They removed the embryo along with the affected fallopian tube, and told her they needed to abort the other fetus to save her life.

The decision to proceed with treatment was hers — abortion is still legal in Illinois. In fact, the state provides greater access to abortion than most others,

and has been flooded with patients seeking abortions following the recent Supreme Court decision.

Gray said she’s heard about similar care being denied or delayed in other states, and fears the high court ruling will force other patients to face the same fate.

Her story has a much happier ending: Gray became pregnant again and gave birth July 8 to healthy identical twin girls.

Choosing sterility

Julie Ann Nitsch, a sexual assault survivor and community college trustee in Austin, Texas, is among many women in states with restrictive abortion laws who are taking drastic steps.

Nitsch says she chose sterilization at age 36 rather than risk getting pregnant by another rapist. “I ripped my organs out” to avoid that, she said.

Nitsch said she “saw the writing on the wall” after Texas enacted a law last year banning most abortions after six weeks, even in cases of rape or incest. She said she sensed that *Roe v. Wade* would be overturned, so she had surgery to remove her fallopian tubes in February.

“It’s sad to think that I can’t have kids, but it’s better than being forced to have children,” Nitsch said.

Dr. Tyler Handcock, an Austin OB-GYN, said his clinic has heard from hundreds of patients seeking sterilization since the high court’s June 24 decision. Many choose this route because they fear long-acting birth control or other contraceptives could become targets, he said.

His clinic scheduled a group counseling session to handle the surge, and every one of the 20 patients who showed up to hear about the risks and ramifications of fallopian tube-removal made an appointment to have the surgery.

Some physicians are reluctant to perform the

surgery on young women with many reproductive years left, fearing they will change their minds later. Handcock said he heard from one 28-year-old woman who said six OB-GYNs declined to sterilize her.

Handcock said the choice should be up to patients.

“I will protect my patients and their rights however I can,” he said.

Targeting medication

Becky Schwarz, of Tysons Corner, Virginia, found herself unexpectedly thrust into the abortion controversy even though she has no plans to become pregnant.

The 27-year-old has lupus, an autoimmune disease that can cause the body to attack tissue surrounding joints and organs, leading to inflammation and often debilitating symptoms. For Schwarz, these include bone and joint pain, and difficulty standing for long periods of time.

She recently received a notice from her doctor saying she’d have to stop taking a medication that relieves her symptoms — at least while the office reviewed its policies for methotrexate in light of the Supreme Court ruling. That’s because the drug can cause miscarriages and could be used in an attempt to induce an abortion.

“For me to have to be essentially babysat by some policy, rather than being trusted about how I handle my own body ... has made me angry,” she said.

The Arthritis Foundation and American College of Rheumatology have both issued statements of concern about patients’ access to the drug. Steven Schultz of the Arthritis Foundation said the group is working to determine how widespread the problem is. Patients having trouble getting the medication can contact the group’s helpline, he said.

PEOPLE’S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

For severe reactions to poison ivy, corticosteroids could help

By Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.
King Features Syndicate

Q: There’s poison ivy, and there’s POISON IVY! My husband gets a barely noticeable, itchy rash that doesn’t impact his daily life in any measurable way. When I get poison ivy, I swell up like a balloon. The blisters are half the size of golf balls, and when they finally start draining, it takes days before the oozing stops. Twice in my life I spent over a week in bed prior to finally going to the doctor for help. I was only able to get up to use the bathroom, which was agony. For me, a typical course of poison ivy lasts more than two weeks. Prednisone is a lifesaver in my case.

A: For a severe allergic reaction like yours, corticosteroids like prednisone can be extremely helpful. A slow taper over a week or two is generally recommended. Dropping the dose too rapidly can lead to symptoms of adrenal dysfunction such as muscle weakness, fatigue, dizziness, fainting, headache, nausea, loss of appetite and low blood sugar.

Q: My insurance company won’t pay for Synthroid to treat hypothyroidism. As a result, I took the generic levothyroxine that my pharmacy dispensed for several months. I thought I was going to jump out of my skin, as I had such a horrible reaction. My heart rate went way up, and I had multiple bowel movements a day. I learned that although generics have to use the main ingredient of brand names, they can use whatever fillers they want. I have never been on Armour Thyroid for a few years. What a remarkable difference! I have so much more energy, and not the rapid



Corticosteroids such as prednisone can alleviate severe allergic reactions to poison ivy. **DREAMSTIME**

heart rate and excess time in the bathroom that I had on the generic.

A: The Food and Drug Administration maintains that generic levothyroxine is the same as brand name Synthroid (JAMA Internal Medicine, Feb. 28, 2022). Your story is not unusual, however. We have heard from many readers that some generic thyroid pills do not behave the same as Synthroid. Desiccated thyroid extract such as Armour, Westhroid, Nature-Throid or Erfa Thyroid contains both thyroid hormones, T4 (levothyroxine) and T3 (triiodothyronine). This makes a big difference for some people.

Q: I read your article about swallowing big pills. I have tried most of the methods mentioned, but a different one works best for me: I make a nice, thick smoothie or milkshake when I have to swallow a big pill. Because the texture is thick, I barely notice the pill sliding down my throat.

A: Your idea works great,

as long as the medicine does not interact with food or dairy products.

Q: After reading that white iodine could help nail fungus, I went to get some. I couldn’t find any but picked up a bottle of gentian violet. I knew this was used for yeast infections, so I decided to try it. I was amazed at the results. It worked better than anything I’ve ever tried! Be mindful that it stains clothing or sheets, so wear old socks.

A: Gentian violet goes back to the 19th century. It has antibacterial, antifungal and antiparasitic activity. The stain is bright purple, which might be alarming if you were not expecting it. Many cases of “nail fungus” may be bacterial, at least in part. As a result, gentian violet might be a reasonable choice to tackle multiple types of pathogens.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

Q&A

Dupuytren’s contracture is a genetic, benign condition

Mayo Clinic

Q: I have a painless mass in my palm that has been getting larger over the past year or so. It is firm, and when I extend my fingers, I feel it stretch like it is under tension. What is this mass, and how do I treat it?

A: You may have the beginnings of a condition called Dupuytren’s contracture. The cause of this problem is thickening of the palmar fascia, which lies beneath the skin of your palm. It is a genetic condition that tends to predominantly affect people of northern European ancestry. It occurs in men more so than women, and it is most common after 50. It is a benign condition, and though it can be annoying, it is generally not painful. There is no known cure.

The history of Dupuytren’s contracture can be variable, but there tends to be a slow but steady progression. It generally starts as a nodule in the palm and evolves into cordlike structures that extend into the fingers. The ring and small fingers are more commonly affected, but any digit or thumb can have cords. These cords can thicken as they further develop, and they can act as a tether that will draw the finger into a more flexed position, limiting your ability to extend the finger. Occasionally, we will intervene or treat a rare painful or prominent nodule, but the most common indication for treatment is this loss of extension.

I tend to see patients in two population groups with Dupuytren’s contracture. The first group consists of those patients with early disease who are curious or concerned. The second group consists of patients who know what they have, but the contracture has grown and is severe enough



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to limit activities. Patients with contractures develop difficulties with activities that require precision with the hands and fingers, such as putting gloves on, putting hands in pockets, washing their face, etc.

There are several treatments for Dupuytren’s contracture. These procedures seek to weaken the cord and effectively allow for release of the fascia with an extension force. The two most common procedures are a needle aponeurotomy and collagenase enzyme injections.

With a needle aponeurotomy, the cord is marked every centimeter in evenly spaced intervals. Local anesthetic is injected into the skin at each of those intervals. Then the bevel of a needle is inserted through the anesthetized skin to effectively cut the cord beneath it at each of those intervals. This needling is done sequentially along the extent of the cord as it courses into the finger. The repeated needling effectively weakens the cord so that it can release, resulting in improved finger extension.

Collagenase clostridium histolyticum (Xiaflex) is an enzyme that was approved for use in 2010. It is an injectable protein fluid that is inserted into the cord to weaken it. The

process requires two visits to a physician: the first day to inject the cord and a subsequent day — typically three to seven days later — to perform the release. On the release date, the hand or finger is anesthetized prior to releasing the contracture.

Orthopedic surgery has been a mainstay of treatment for many years. It is a more involved process and includes the need for anesthesia, a wound with sutures and a more extensive recovery. Though more involved, surgery carries the advantage of being the only procedure that removes the diseased fascia or cord. While it typically affords a longer disease-free interval, Dupuytren’s contracture can recur following surgery.

The decision regarding how and when to proceed with intervention will be largely up to the patient. I recommend treatment when day-to-day activities become challenging.

— Marco Rizzo, M.D., Orthopedic Surgery, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

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CELEBRITIES

Venice film fest reveals starry lineup

From news services

Darren Aronofsky's "The Whale," the Marilyn Monroe drama "Blonde," Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu's "Bardo (or False Chronicle of a Handful of Truths)" and Luca Guadagnino's "Bones and All," with Timothee Chalamet, will all have their world premieres at the Venice International Film Festival this fall.

Festival director Alberto Barbera unveiled the starry lineup Tuesday, which includes the out-of-competition debut of Olivia Wilde's mid-century mindbender "Don't Worry Darling" with Harry Styles and Florence Pugh. The impressive, international slate will draw A-listers and awards hopefuls alike to the Lido for the 79th edition of the oldest film festival in the world.

Netflix will make a big splash with four major titles playing in the main competition: Andrew Dominik's "Blonde," starring Ana de Armas; Noah Baumbach's "White Noise," with Adam Driver and Greta Gerwig; Inarritu's film; and Romain Gavras' "Athena."

Many films that have premiered at Venice in the last decade have gone on to win the best director Oscar, including Chloe Zhao with "Nomadland," Guillermo del Toro with "The Shape of Water," and Damien Chazelle with "La La Land."

There are 23 films total playing in competition, including Aronofsky's "The Whale," starring Brendan Fraser as a morbidly obese man trying to reconnect with his teenage daughter, played by Sadie Sink.

Aside from "Don't Worry Darling," other films debuting out of competition include Walter Hill's "Dead For a Dollar," with Willem Dafoe and Christoph Waltz; Bill Pohlad's "Dreamin' Wild," with Casey Affleck and Walton Goggins; Paul Schrader's "Master Gardener," with Joel Edgerton and Sigour-



Olivia Wilde, seen April 26, directed "Don't Worry Darling," which will debut at the Venice festival. CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

ney Weaver; and Ti West's "Pearl," with Mia Goth.

The Venice film festival runs from Aug. 31 through Sept. 10.

Farah Griffin reportedly chosen as 'View' co-host: Former Trump aide Alyssa Farah Griffin has been selected to fill "The View" co-host seat that has been open since Meghan McCain's departure last year, Variety reported Tuesday.

Farah Griffin, 33, is said to be in final discussions to join the ABC daytime talk show's panel for the upcoming 26th season. Farah Griffin, who served as the White House director of strategic communications during Donald Trump's presidency, would add a conservative voice to the show's regular lineup.

ABC hasn't confirmed the full-time addition of Farah Griffin, who has appeared on "The View" in recent months as a guest on the Hot Topics segment.

Styles up for Mercury Prize: Harry Styles has

secured his first Mercury Prize nomination with his third solo album, competing for the British music award with acts such as singer-songwriter Sam Fender and rapper Little Simz. The former One Direction member was shortlisted Tuesday for his album "Harry's House," which has topped U.K. album charts for six weeks.

The 12 albums shortlisted for this year's Mercury Prize, which recognizes the best British or Irish album of the year, include Fender's "Seventeen Going Under" and Little Simz's "Sometimes I Might Be Introvert."

The awards show is set for Sept. 8 in London.

July 28 birthdays: Actor Darryl Hickman is 91. Cartoonist Jim Davis is 77. Actor Linda Kelsey is 76. Actor Sally Struthers is 75. Journalist Scott Pelley is 65. Actor Lori Loughlin is 58. Trombonist Delfeayo Marsalis is 57. Actor Elizabeth Berkley is 50. Actor John David Washington is 38. Actor Dustin Milligan is 37.

TV REVIEW

Fielder central mystery of new social experiment 'Rehearsal'

By Robert Lloyd

Los Angeles Times

Nathan Fielder, whose four-season series "Nathan for You" saw him "aiding" struggling small businesses with strange promotional ideas, is back. "The Rehearsal" takes off from the idea that critical events can be prepared for, that "if you plan for every variable, a happy outcome doesn't have to be left to chance." Like the earlier show, and the myriad reality shows it half-mimics, it is presented as a sort of social experiment, and in that it puts real people into artificial situations in order to elicit real reactions, even feelings, in some cracked way it is.

As in "Nathan for You," part of the joke is the length to which Fielder will go to achieve his ends, the elaborate, often expensive stratagems he employs, requiring the witting or unwitting participation of many hands. We are sometimes going to laugh at his subjects, at the amazing things people will agree to or the yards of wool that can be pulled over their eyes. But Fielder — who narrates and appears on camera and is personally, sometimes deeply involved in each project — is the implicit subject of his work.

Though it evolves into a serial, the six-episode series begins with a stand-alone episode in which Fielder helps a Brooklyn man named Core Skeet — who has responded to a Craigslist ad reading "TV Opportunity: Is there something you're avoiding?" — break the news to a friend that he has been lying about having an advanced degree. It's a scheme that includes rehearsals in an exact



Nathan Fielder in "The Rehearsal." ALLYSON RIGGS/HBO

replica of the bar where they participate in trivia nights, and not only hiring an actor to portray Skeet's friend but also arranging for them to meet, under false pretenses, so that the faux friend may more closely approximate the original. Subsequently, the action moves to rural Oregon, where Angela (no last name given) is trying to decide about adopting a child; Fielder's proposal is to employ an army of child actors in "a round-the-clock simulation of parenthood, to raise a child from 0 to 18 over the course of two months." This saga, which will involve Fielder intimately, continues through the rest of the series.

Like more conventional reality TV, Fielder's shows call up questions of truth and fiction, of whether, or to what degree, he's committed to the experiment as opposed to being committed to the bit. Notwithstanding the new series' premise, that everything can be accounted for, he is constantly called upon to adjust his plans to fit unforeseen circumstances and to ensure he'll come out with some sort of story.

Even if he appears to be part of the experiment, as here, he's in control of the

experiment, participating in scenes he's also directing. Situations are carefully engineered, sometimes transparently, but often without his subjects' knowledge; that he lies, or encourages others to lie, is intrinsic to his method. He may finally tell the truth for supposedly moral reasons. The premise and progress of "The Rehearsal" require him to be forthcoming to some degree — his subjects are also in a sense his collaborators — but we don't know what we aren't shown, and no one can say how honest the seemingly heartfelt sentiments he expresses along the way are.

For all the questions it raises about itself, Fielder's work is reliably fascinating, if not necessarily amusing; it is usually presented as comedy, but here it's comedy of a particularly melancholic sort.

In "The Rehearsal," which sometimes feels like its own critique, he's accused of turning people into jokes. "No one's the joke," he answers. "The situations are funny, but interesting too." That seems a fair assessment of his aims, and often of his accomplishments.

How to watch: HBO and HBO Max



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Audacious text spurs husband's angry reply

Dear Amy: My wife of over 25 years is foreign-born.

She travels to her home country for an extended period almost every year. I'll join her for a few weeks, and she'll stay longer after I return home.

Recently when she returned home, she told me that after I had left, she was introduced to a male acquaintance of her family's. She said that they did not have a conversation, but did notice that he stared at her constantly.

Afterward this man tracked her down and sent her a text message, which she let me read. It was quite lengthy and frankly, incredibly audacious. He told her how attractive she is, how he wanted to spend time with her and suggested how to discreetly contact him to arrange a rendezvous.

Her response to him was overly polite: "I'm flattered, but I'm busy. Perhaps some other time."

I made a note of his phone number and a few weeks later sent him a terse message (I'm fluent in his language), that he was rude, unmannerly, interested only in a sexual encounter with my wife and to back off.

He did not answer my message; instead he forwarded it to my wife, who got angry and said that I embarrassed her and violated her privacy.

I told her that while I may have ruined her other man fantasy, someone had to put him in his place, and I was proud to do it.

My wife is a very attractive woman. I am aware of the attention she receives.

To me, however, that man went over the top. Did I do the right thing?

— Just Wondering

Dear Wondering: Your wife shared this man's text message and her reply, which you describe as "overly polite." I interpret her message differently.

In its ambiguity, "Perhaps some other time" can be read as something of an invitation.

The politeness she extended was to this acquaintance, but not necessarily to you.

In response, you acted out in anger. You were trying to protect your marriage by being direct, but your wife is the one who should have drawn a firm boundary around your marriage.

You could have asked her to make a more definitive statement, rather than doing it yourself.

Without discussing his behavior or hers, you should talk to her sincerely about how this has made you feel: "This text exchange made me very sad and angry. I'm worried about our relationship, and I'm trying to protect it."

Dear Amy: You recently wrote: "I have mentioned this many times (especially lately), but the ubiquity of DNA testing is basically coming for everyone. Each of us should try to anticipate the possibility of being contacted by DNA relatives."

Our situation is that an uncle who was an OB-GYN donated sperm to a bank many times throughout his career.

Children that were conceived from his generosity and kindness are not our relatives! They are members of the family that raised them!

This seeking out of bio

parents is an invasion of privacy and totally disrespects the love, sacrifice and support of the family they were raised with.

— DNA isn't Everything

Dear DNA: You say your physician uncle donated to a sperm bank. I assume he was not a fertility doctor. (If he was a fertility doctor using his own sperm to inseminate women without their consent, then he was a liar and a criminal.)

If infertile couples within his own community used his donations to conceive, these children all have important reasons to learn their DNA heritage.

DNA-related siblings growing up in the same community could conceive children together and face extreme health, emotional and social consequences.

So buck up. Any people coming forward may not be family members of yours — but they are related to you.

Dear Amy: "Overwhelmed" asked about a yard sale to get rid of a deceased girlfriend's stuff.

My idea of a brutal hell is holding a yard sale, and I'm not the only one. You should have suggested arranging with the owner of a secondhand store to come get all the stuff and negotiating a price to haul it off. Easy, quick, relatively painless.

— K

Dear K: This is a great suggestion, and thank you.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Matters of identity and self could be vital to you right now. Find yourself and discover what you offer the world. Don't let anyone throw you off course or make you feel small. Take the stage as your truest, most vibrant self.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Unfinished business may be calling you. It's possible you made a personal change, potentially a hard pivot from who you used to be, but this new path feels right even if it's also a little scary. It might be impossible for you to move forward without finishing up old business. Put the past behind you.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): A reexamination of your friend group might be on the near horizon. Friends may be moving away, or you could be spiritually separating from one another. Also, new people might enter your life. Be open to both releasing old connections and welcoming new ones.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): A more favorable job experience or promotion could be just a few steps away, as you are ready to take on more responsibility and gain new skills. Don't fear new experiences when it comes to your profession. Take the pressure off by treating your mistakes like lessons, not failures.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On July 28, 1914, World War I began as Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia.

In 1932, federal troops forcibly dispersed the so-called "Bonus Army" of

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): The desire to expand your horizons might be taking hold of you. This desire may manifest into a soul-searching endeavor. Something that you've never experienced before, like a new culture or a summer class on something new, would be just the thing to help you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Inner peace could begin to flow into your mind. Time heals most wounds, and an experience that was once painful can at last fade from your mind. Once your thoughts aren't so focused on what went wrong, you can look at what needs to happen in the present. Closure is right around the corner.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Balance might need to be restored in your essential relationships now. Your loved ones might be doing all the heavy lifting, while you're doing less than your fair share, or vice versa. Remedy this imbalance as soon as possible. The longer it stays out of order, the harder it will be to fix.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Organization may not be a big part of your life. You end up forgetting important matters or cluttering up your space, potentially losing track of valuable possessions. Chaos and spontaneity might need to take more of a back seat. Figure out a system that works for you and use it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Enthusiasm is plentiful at the moment. You're allowed to have fun. This is a great day to set aside some time to become reacquainted with a pursuit that you love, especially if your life started to feel monotonous without it. Say yes to what lights a fire inside you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You currently have an opportunity to grow closer with your family. Using new ways to express yourself can help them understand you in unimaginable ways. This doesn't have to be a biological family, as found family can be bonded with today. Share your life with your loved ones.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Trying to be a people-pleaser can create drama when people's desires become overwhelming, and you could get tired of one-sided relationships. You might be doing more than your share in some relationships, so say no more often. Your time and energy are precious.

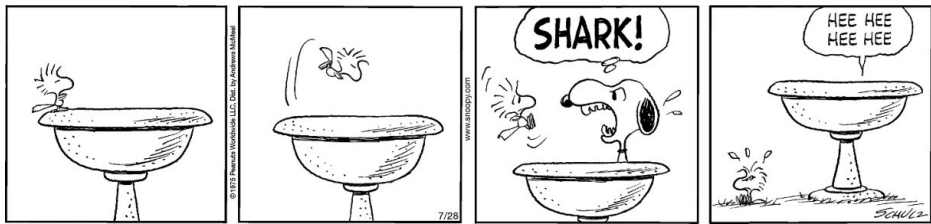
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): New beliefs should finally replace past ones. After learning some information from someone in your support system, you might end up having to tear down your past beliefs to make room for the truth. It can take time to implement these new aspects of reality. Practice makes perfect.

China, killing at least 242,000 people, according to an official estimate.

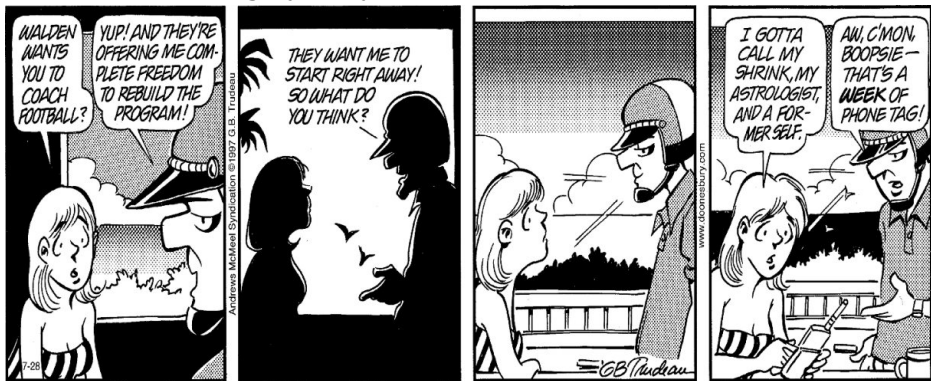
In 1984, the Los Angeles Summer Olympics opened.

In 2019, a gunman opened fire at a popular garlic festival in Gilroy, California, killing three people, including a 6-year-old boy and a 13-year-old girl, and wounding 17 others before taking his own life.

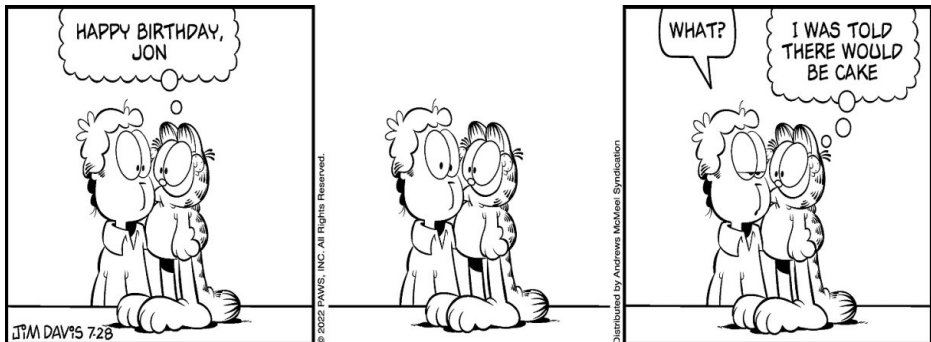
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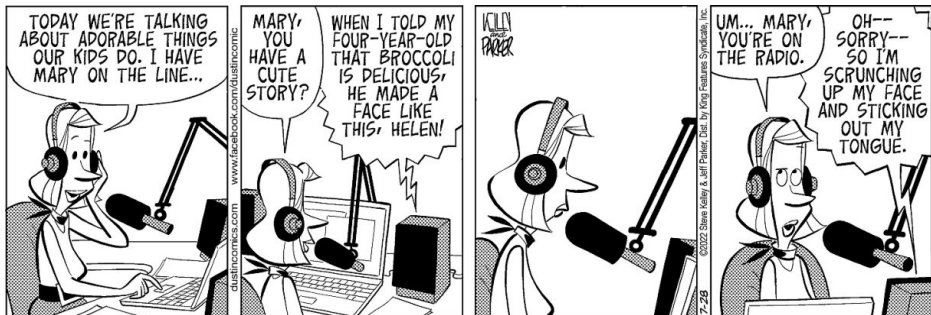
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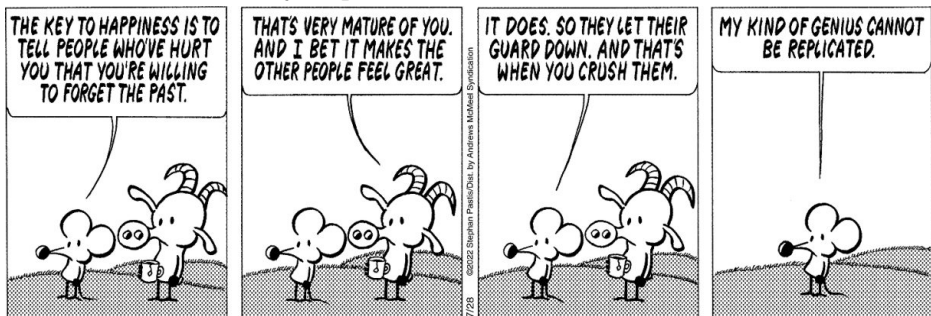
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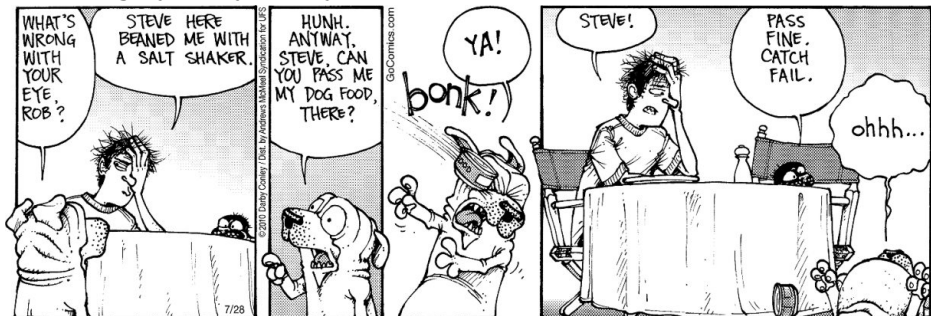
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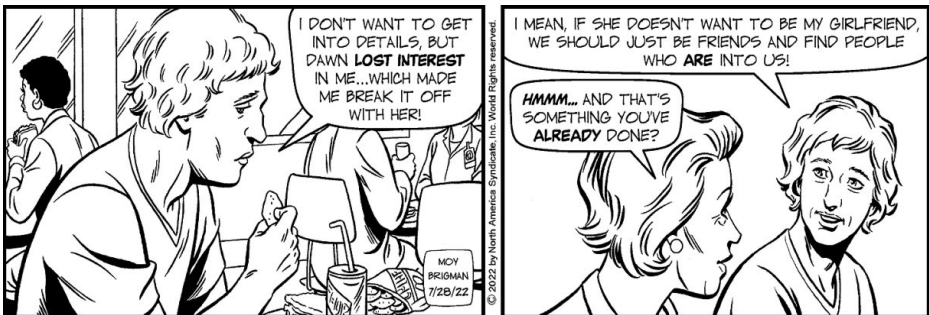
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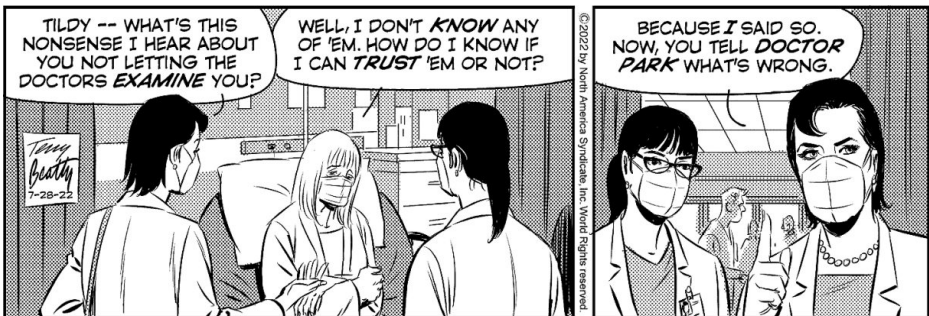
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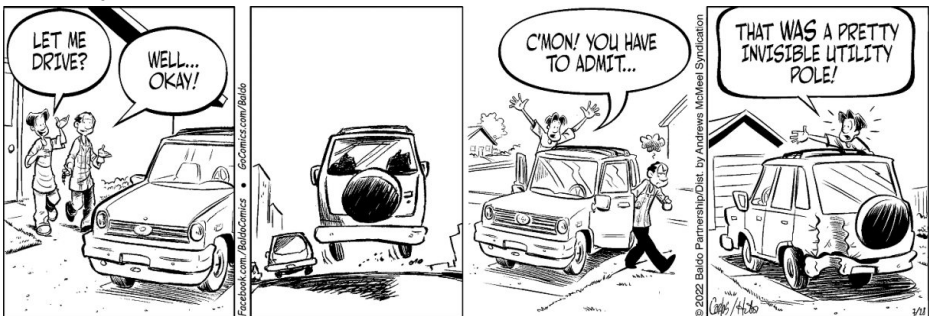
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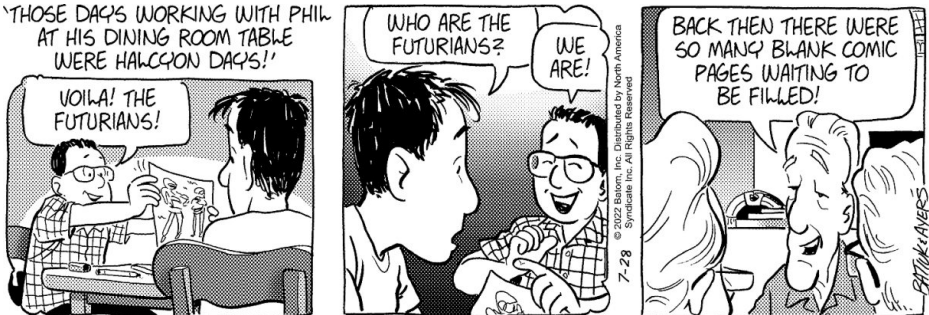
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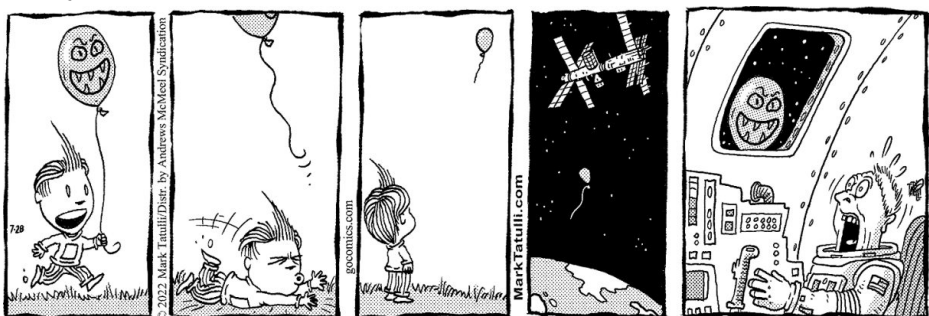
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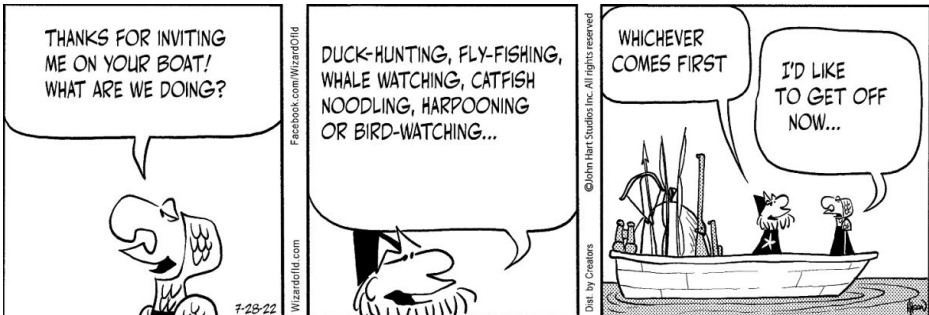
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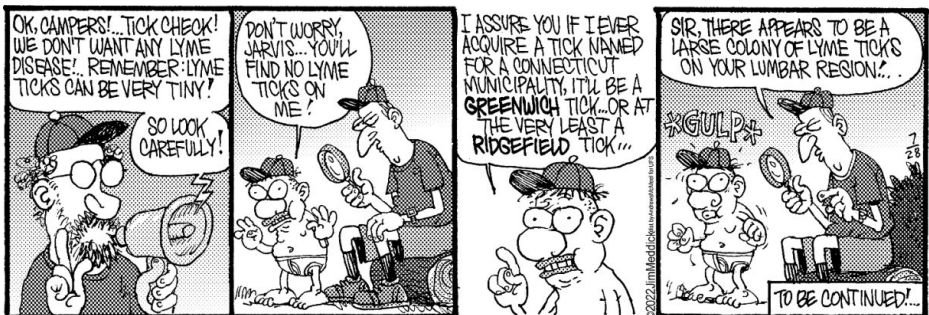
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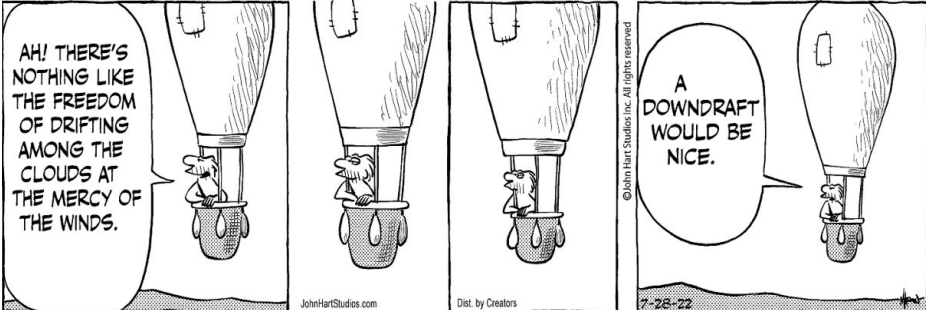
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by Mort, Greg & Brian Walker



Hi & Lois

By Greg and Brian Walker and Chance Browne



Hagar The Horrible

By Chris Browne



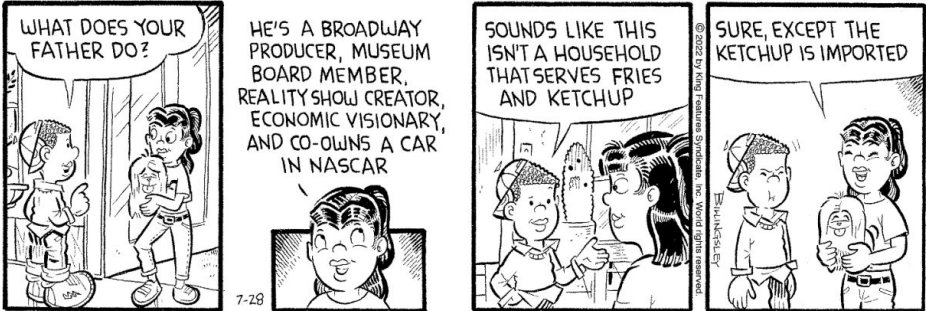
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SUDOKU

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	4		5		8			9
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Level:

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☒ 3 ☐ 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

8	9	6	8	9	2	1	7	
7	2	1	2	9	8	9	8	6
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8	7	8	9	6	1	9	2	2

BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

B	T	A	B
K	R	U	L
A	N	O	N
H	C	O	T

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

BOGGLE POINT SCALE
3 letters = 1 point
4 letters = 2 points
5 letters = 3 points
6 letters = 4 points
7 letters = 6 points
8 letters = 10 points
9+ letters = 15 points

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WordWheel



Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: Aircraft

053

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

T	M	T	Y	P	H	O	O	N	S	K	M	R	O	A	E	L	C
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P	V	W	K	S	R	I	O	N	C	O	N	H	B	A	S	W	U
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L	A	I	N	T	A	F	R	S	F	I	T	U	A	A	A	W	C
J	M	R	T	Y	O	E	I	S	H	F	N	H	F	I	G	B	A
F	O	O	N	F	Z	M	N	S	K	I	J	D	C	F	R	L	N
T	C	E	W	N	I	G	H	T	H	A	W	K	U	A	A	Z	E
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ALBATROSS	HARRIER	RAFALE	TOMCAT
BOEING	HORNET	RAPTOR	TORNADO
BUFFALO	HURRICANE	SAAB	TYPHOON
CHENGDU	JAGUAR	SHENYANG	WHIRLWIND
COBRA	MARAUDER	SOPWITH CAMEL	WILDCAT
CORSAIR	MIRAGE	SPITFIRE	YAK
EAGLE	MITSUBISHI	SUKHOI	ZERO
EUROFIGHTER	MUSTANG	SWORDFISH	
FIREBALL	NIGHTHAWK	TEMPEST	
GLADIATOR	PHANTOM	THUNDERBOLT	

TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		
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		41						42	
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								44	

Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

5/19/19

ACROSS

- 1 "How ___ Your Mother"
- 5 Actress Arthur
- 8 Actor Annable
- 9 "___ Dabba Doo!"
- 12 Actress Zellweger
- 13 Parents & grandparents
- 14 Crow's comments
- 15 Actress Ortiz & others
- 16 "Blood & ___"; Don Johnson movie
- 18 MacGraw or Larter
- 19 Bob Barker's successor
- 20 "___ Black"; Rob Lowe series
- 21 "___ Shoot Horses, Don't They?"
- 23 Wallace & Myers
- 24 "From ___ to Eternity"
- 25 "___ Miner's Daughter"; Sissy Spacek film
- 26 Acquire knowledge
- 28 "About ___"; Hugh Grant movie
- 29 Setting for "Heidi"
- 30 Declare untrue
- 32 Capture
- 35 Actor Wheaton

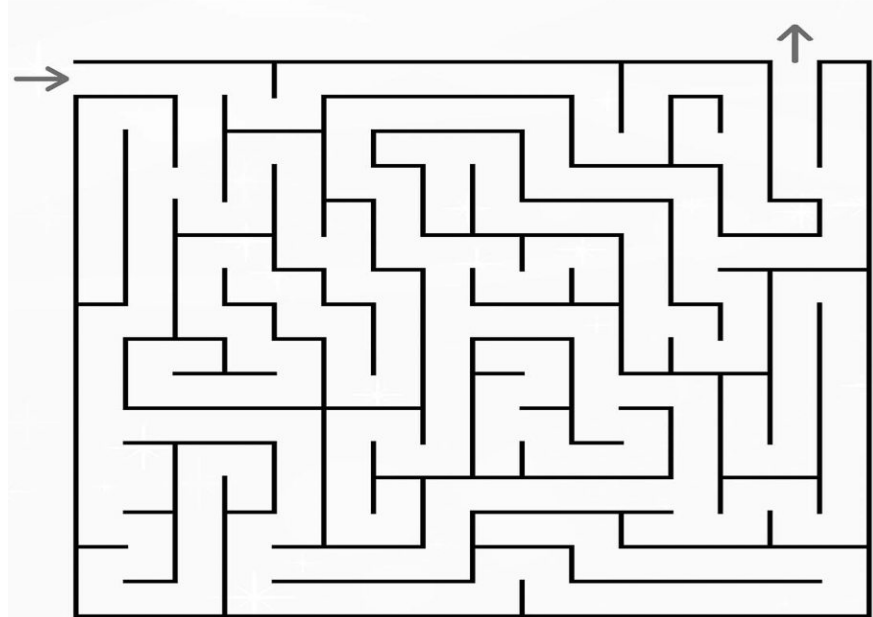
DOWN

- 36 Em, to Dorothy
- 37 Actress Meara
- 38 Heated in the microwave
- 40 Actor & director Lee
- 41 "Touched by an ___"
- 42 ___ colada
- 43 Long-eared animal
- 44 Grows gray
- 1 Perfect
- 2 Series for Matt LeBlanc
- 3 Arden & Plumb
- 4 Brian of "Chicago Med"
- 5 Club rule
- 6 Actor George
- 7 Bart Simpson's "Grampa"
- 10 "___-Nine"
- 11 Put ___; shelf
- 12 TV brand
- 13 180 degrees from WSW
- 15 Actor Gross
- 17 "___ Miserables"
- 19 Laura or Bruce
- 20 Casual farewell
- 22 His and ___; matching gifts for Dad & Mom
- 23 "___ Dick"; Gregory Peck film
- 25 "___ Buy Me Love"; Beatles song
- 26 "___ & Order"
- 27 Lead role in "My Fair Lady"
- 30 Sword fights
- 31 "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's ___"
- 33 Singer Paul & his family
- 34 Mayberry resident
- 36 "Planet of the ___"; Roddy McDowall film
- 37 Eat like ___; gorge
- 39 Golfing org.
- 40 Jacuzzi

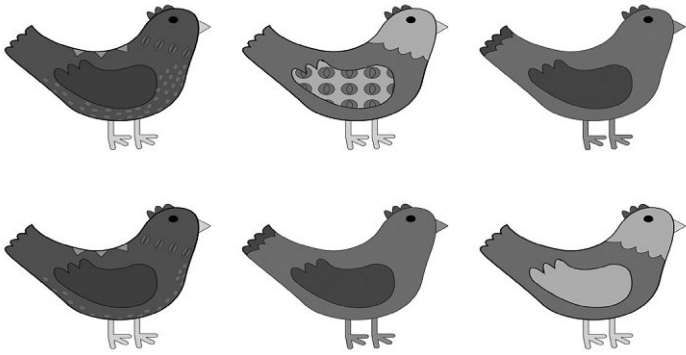
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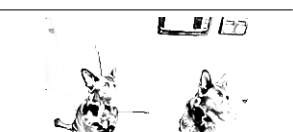
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Hartford

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD
VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable by law to pay property taxes to the New Hartford Village Fire District, County of Litchfield, State of Connecticut, that a tax of 1.7 mills on the dollar on the Grand List of October 1, 2021, laid by the New Hartford Village Fire District on May 9th, 2022 will become due and payable on JULY 1, 2022. If not paid or postmarked on or before AUGUST 1, 2022, the tax becomes delinquent and subject to interest charged at the rate of 1.5% per month (with a minimum interest charge of \$2.00 per bill) from July 1, 2022 to the date paid. Any fractional part of a month is considered to be equivalent to a whole month. MINIMUM INTEREST CHARGE IS \$2.00 PER BILL. Checks may be mailed to: Tax Collector, New Hartford Village Fire District, P.O. Box 292, New Hartford, CT 06057. CHECKS THAT INCLUDE TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD PAYMENTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE RETURNED POSSIBLY RESULTING IN A LATE FEE. Failure to receive a bill does not invalidate or excuse the tax or subsequent interest charged, per State Statute 12-130. Dated at New Hartford this 23 of June 2022 June 23, July 7, 28, 2022 7226943

Connecticut

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
for the Proposed 2023 Annual PHA Plan**

The Housing Authority of the City of Hartford will conduct a public hearing to discuss its proposed 2023 Annual PHA Plan. The proposed Annual PHA Plan includes significant amendments to the Low-Income Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) and to the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Administrative Plan.

The public hearing will be held: Monday, September 19, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., by teleconference only. Dial the conference number: 1-469-998-7233, and enter the conference ID: 881 938 538.

The proposed Annual PHA Plan will be available for public review and inspection starting August 5, 2022, on the Housing Authority's website, www.hartfordhousing.org, and if open to the public, at the Housing Authority's Administrative Office, during business hours. 7/28/22 7258549

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Connecticut

**State of Connecticut
Court of Probate, District of Newington
Probate Court**

NOTICE TO Laquasha Thompson, whose identity and last known address is unknown to the court

Pursuant to an order of Hon. Robert A. Randich, Judge, a hearing will be held at Newington Probate Court, 66 Cedar Street, Rear, Newington, CT 06111 on August 8, 2022 at 2:00 PM, on a petition for Temporary Custody concerning Z'NAIYAH J., a minor child born to LAQUASHA THOMPSON on DECEMBER 14, 2013 at Hartford, CT. The court's decision will affect your interest, if any, as in the petition on file more fully appears. RIGHT TO COUNSEL: If the person noticed above wishes to have an attorney, but is unable to pay for one, the court will provide an attorney upon proof of inability to pay. Any such request should be made immediately by contacting the court office where the hearing is to be held. By Order of the Court /s/ Rose Anne Adamowich, Chief Clerk 7/28/2022 7259869

PROPERTY AUCTION

The tax collector of the Town of East Haddam has levied upon the following properties in East Haddam and slated them for public auction to satisfy delinquent taxes and charges under C.G.S. § 12-157. Volume and page numbers refer to the Town's land records; maps refer to the Town's assessment maps. Unless paid, these properties will be auctioned in "as is" condition at 1:00 p.m. on August 23, 2022 at the Town Office Building at 1 Plains Road in Moodus.

432 Town Street (Volume 261 Page 10) owned by Richard F. Anderson, owing \$17,859.98. Leslie E. Anderson and Edith L. Anderson or their Estates; and Luigi J. Chinetti a/k/a Luigi Chinetti may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

11 Three Bridges Road (Volume 453 Page 167) owned by David N. Strong and Patricia A. Strong or their Estates, owing \$14,174.70. Citizens Bank, N.A. as successor to New England Savings Bank, Resource Bancshares Mortgage Group, Inc.; Bank of America, N.A. as successor to Fleet National Bank; LBNV Funding LLC; Moira Strong-Sarafinas; Traci M. McComiskey; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouses and heirs of David N. Strong and Patricia A. Strong may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

The dollar amounts listed are through the end of last month. Additional taxes, interest, fees, and other charges authorized by law accruing after the last day of the month immediately preceding this notice are owed in addition to the amount indicated as due and owing in this notice.

Bidders must present \$5,000 per property in certified funds payable to "Pullman & Comley, Trustee" on the day of the sale, and the winning bidder must pay the balance of the sale price within 5 days or forfeit that deposit. Absent a redemption, the purchaser will take title "free and clear" six months after the auction except for certain encumbrances. Details at www.cttaxsales.com. 7/28/2022 7254160

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**LIQUOR PERMIT
NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

This is to give notice that I, SAID ELKHODARY, 7518 CROSS GATE LN ALEXANDRIA, VA 22315-4619, Have filed an application placarded 07/25/2022 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a RESTAURANT CATERER PERMIT for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at 10 DISCOVERY DR FARMINGTON CT 06032-2374. The business will be owned by CORPORATE CHEFS LLC. Entertainment will consist of: No Live Entertainment Objections must be filed by: 09-05-2022.

07/25/2022 SAID ELKHODARY 7/28, 8/4/2022 7256308

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The State of Connecticut Judicial Branch invites qualified agencies or independent interpreters to submit quotations to provide Interpreting Services statewide for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Quotations must be received by 11:30 A.M. on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2022. Late bids will not be accepted.

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WEATHER

THURSDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

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HIGH 88°
LOW 69°

FRIDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Clouds and some sun, humid, an afternoon shower or a thunderstorm is possible.

HIGH 86°
LOW 65°

SATURDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and less humid.

HIGH 86°
LOW 64°

SUNDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly sunny and very warm.

HIGH 89°
LOW 67°

MONDAY







SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and very warm.

HIGH 89°
LOW 68°

CONNECTICUT WEATHER

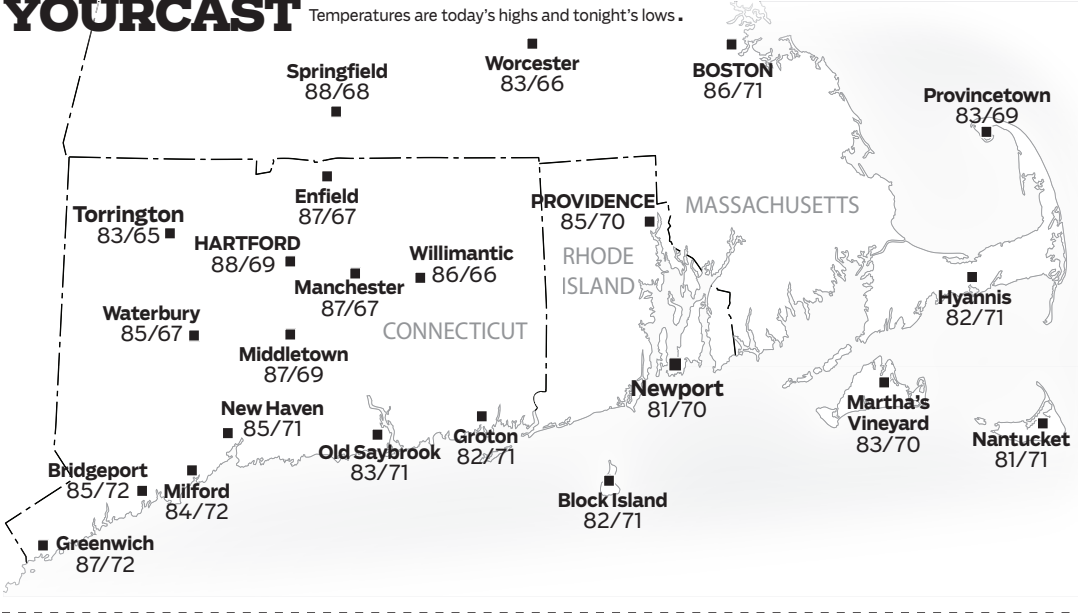
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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



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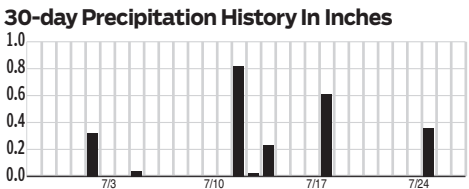
A warm front crossing the state Thursday morning will cause a mixture of clouds and sunshine along with the chance for a couple scattered showers and perhaps an isolated thunderstorm. Then later on this afternoon and evening there will be a cold front approaching from the west that could produce a few more showers and thunderstorms. Some of the afternoon thunderstorms have the potential to be strong with gusty winds and hail. It will be a very warm day with highs mainly in the mid to upper 80s. The humidity will be high with dew points near 70 degrees at times.

-Gary Lessor

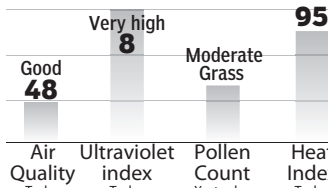
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Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 5 p.m.)	0.00	0.15
Month to date	2.40	3.57
Total this year	22.57	25.74

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



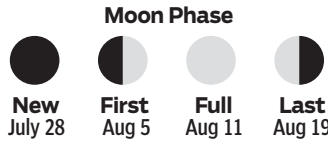
Air Quality Forecast For Today



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	10:10 a.m. 10:27 p.m.	4:22 a.m. 4:16 p.m.	76°
Saybrook Jetty	11:21 a.m. 11:38 p.m.	5:15 a.m. 5:12 p.m.	77°
Connecticut River at Portland	1:41 a.m. 2:04 p.m.	9:01 a.m. 8:58 p.m.	
Madison	11:42 a.m. 11:52 p.m.	5:30 a.m. 5:37 p.m.	78°
New Haven	a.m. 12:02 p.m.	5:54 a.m. 6:01 p.m.	78°
Stamford	a.m. 12:06 p.m.	6:08 a.m. 6:15 p.m.	76°

River Stage at Hartford: 2.14 feet at 5:30 p.m.

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:41 a.m.	5:41 a.m.
Sunset	8:14 p.m.	8:13 p.m.
Moonrise	5:10 a.m.	6:13 a.m.
Moonset	8:44 p.m.	9:14 p.m.



Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Weather	PCloudy	PCloudy	PCloudy
Wind	S, 5-10	S, 5-15	S, 5-15
Seas	1 ft.	1 ft.	2-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Wednesday	87 at 3:49 p.m.	58 at 4:57 a.m.
Normal for date	85	64
Record for date	98 in 2020	49 in 2001
A year ago	91	63
Range this year	97	-2

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND

Bangor	82 63 PC
Burlington	86 63 SH
Caribou	80 60 PC
Concord	85 64 SH
Montpelier	82 58 SH
Mt. Wash.	59 48 SH
Portland	77 63 SH
Woods Hole	78 69 C
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San Diego	76 68 PC

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Beirut	86 79 S
Berlin	76 57 PC
Bermuda	85 79 SH

Budapest	90 72 PC
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Cairo	104 74 S
Cancun	90 78 SH
Dubai	97 85 PC
Dublin	67 54 PC
Edinburgh	66 53 SH
Helsinki	67 55 SH
Hong Kong	91 79 PC
Istanbul	87 72 S
Jerusalem	90 69 S
Johannesburg	67 43 SH

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Mexico City	72 54 SH
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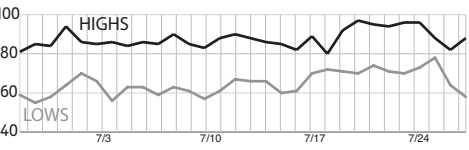
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Warsaw	77 54 PC

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Cooling Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For Jan 1 - July 27	560	454	512

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	29.98 at 7 a.m.	29.88 at 5 p.m.
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UConn Women's Basketball

Current generation bows to 'GOAT' Sue Bird

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

Growing up in Croatia, Nika Mühl didn't follow UConn women's basketball, or really any American sports for that matter. She was more in tune with European hoops. But as soon as she committed to the Huskies in her junior season of high school, Mühl made a point to catch herself up on the program's history.

"Every game," Mühl said, "I had to watch it."

Mühl became a huge fan of Sue Bird in the process, enamored with the point guard's style of play in the same way people across the state of Connecticut were during her storied career from 1998-2002. In the years since, Mühl has devel-

"On and off the court, the things she's done and the way she uses her platform is amazing. Obviously on the court, the GOAT. No words, just the GOAT."

— Nika Mühl, current UConn guard, on Sue Bird

oped an even greater appreciation for Bird's wide-ranging impact on women's basketball and beyond.

"She's such a great inspiration and such a great player," Mühl said. "On and off the court, the things

she's done and the way she uses her platform is amazing. Obviously on the court, the GOAT. No words, just the GOAT."

That legendary status has been celebrated in WNBA arenas across the country over the last month since Bird officially announced her retirement. She broke the news in June before a game against the Connecticut Sun at Mohegan Sun Arena, the same place where she'll close a particularly special chapter in her career Thursday night. Barring a meeting between the two teams in the WNBA playoffs it will be Birds' final game in the state where she first rose to the national spotlight while winning two NCAA championships.

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All-time UConn and WNBA great Sue Bird announces her retirement June 16 at Mohegan Sun Arena. **MOHEGAN SUN**

TRIPLE-A BASEBALL



SCOTT SCHILD/AP

ONE STEP CLOSER

Mets pitcher Jacob deGrom reacts after giving up a home run while making his latest rehab start, this time for Triple-A Syracuse against the Omaha Storm Chasers, in what could be his last minor-league rehab outing before rejoining New York's rotation on Wednesday. The former Cy Young winner went four innings, throwing 67 pitches and allowing four runs. **Details, Page 2**

RED SOX

Will Sox buy or sell at the trade deadline?

By Alex Speier
Boston Globe

BOSTON — With less than a week until next Tuesday's 6 p.m. trade deadline, the Red Sox remain in search of direction. They are caught between the desire to stoke any remaining embers of hope for 2022 and the reality that most of them were extinguished by the devastating five-game stretch that book-ended the All-Star break in which the Sox were outscored, 67-13.

Will Boston buy or sell? Typical responses from those inside and outside the organization have ranged from "it's all in play" to "maybe both" to objections to the buy/sell dichotomy to shrugs of uncertainty.

Multiple evaluators said that despite the "never say never" ethos of the Red Sox front office (a group that has, after all, traded Mookie Betts), the likelihood of a trade involving Xander Bogaerts or Rafael Devers is remote. Both are expected to remain with the Sox beyond the trade deadline, a message delivered publicly by a pair of Sox officials on Tuesday.

"There's been no discussions or commentary internally or externally about moves related to the trade deadline involving Xander, Raffy, or anyone else to my knowledge," president and CEO Sam Kennedy said on "The Greg Hill Show" on WEEI. "At this point, we're focused on getting back in this thing and winning."

"We haven't had any discussions internally or with any other club about them," chief baseball officer Chaim Bloom said on NESN. "We don't plan to."

The Red Sox continue to identify Bogaerts and Devers as cornerstone players, central to any remaining hopes for this season and with a desire to retain both as part of future contenders. Of course, the Red Sox said the same about Betts when they decided not to trade him at the 2019 deadline.

The 2019 precedent is interesting to consider. The Sox

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Patriots Training Camp

Jones sheds light on team's offensive coaching dynamic

By Karen Guregian
Boston Herald

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Mac Jones did a pretty good job breaking down how the Patriots' unusual offensive coaching structure actually works Wednesday.

It was like he gave the media a film session, explaining the X's and O's of the approach Bill Belichick has chosen to best prepare him and the offense.

While the three-headed monster of Belichick, Matt Patricia and Joe Judge might be head-scratching to many, it's come to make total sense

to the up-and-coming second-year Patriots quarterback.

So yes, he's drinking the Kool-Aid.

And, for now, until the point of playing in a game, that's what's important.

If Jones is comfortable, if he's on board, that's a good start.

How best to describe the three-way coaching cluster?

A little of Joe Judge, the quarterbacks coach. A lot of offensive line coach Matt Patricia, who looks more and more like he's going to

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Patriots quarterback Mac Jones waves to fans as he leaves the field Wednesday at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Mass. **NANCY LANE/ BOSTON HERALD**

Giants Training Camp

Toney wows 'em with leaping TD catch to open club's camp

By Pat Leonard
New York Daily News

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Kadarius Toney made a leaping, jaw-dropping touchdown catch at Wednesday's first practice of Giants training camp that could help reset the tone of a tumultuous offseason.

Toney, 23, the Giants' 20th overall pick in the 2021 NFL Draft, reached his left hand high and balanced his body to skillfully haul in a fade pass by Daniel Jones along the right end zone sideline with corner Aaron Robinson in coverage.

Having the second-year receiver on the field with Jones' first-team offense was a plus in itself. Toney underwent a minor arthroscopic knee surgery in the spring that sidelined him through June.

But it was a bonus to see Jones complete his first pass to Toney on a comeback route against Adoree Jackson, to watch Toney finish that play through contact, and to witness his highlight-reel TD catch.

Head coach Brian Daboll ran all the way into the end zone to

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

Patriots: Preseason: Giants, August 11, 7 p.m.
Giants: Preseason: at Patriots, August 11, 7 p.m.
Jets: Preseason: at Eagles, August 12, 7:30 p.m.
Red Sox: Guardians, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Brewers, Friday, 7 p.m.; Brewers, Saturday, 4 p.m.
Yankees: Royals, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Royals, Friday, 7 p.m.; Royals, Saturday, 2 p.m.
Mets: at Marlins, Friday, 6:30 p.m.; at Marlins, Saturday, 6 p.m.; at Marlins, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
Yard Goats: Portland, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Portland, Friday, 7 p.m.; Portland, Saturday, 6 p.m.
Sun: Storm, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Sky, Sunday, 1 p.m.; Mercury, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: Birmingham, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Memphis, August 6, 8:30 p.m.; Indy, August 13, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO

BASEBALL
12:30 p.m.: Teams TBA. (Live) MLB
7 p.m.: Detroit Tigers at Toronto Blue Jays. (Live) SPRTNET
7 p.m.: Cleveland Guardians at Boston Red Sox. (Live), NESN. Radio: 880
7 p.m.: Kansas City Royals at New York Yankees. (Live), YES. Radio: 97.9
8 p.m.: Seattle Mariners at Houston Astros. (Live) FS1
11 p.m.: Chicago Cubs at San Francisco Giants. (Live) SPRTNET
11 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
BASKETBALL
7 p.m.: The Basketball Tournament Florida TNT vs Americana for Autism. (Live) ESPN2
7 p.m.: WNBA: Seattle Storm at Connecticut Sun. (Live), Amazon Prime Video, NESN+
8 p.m.: WNBA: Washington Mystics at Dallas Wings. (Live) CBSSN
9 p.m.: The Basketball Tournament 33-Point Contest. (Live) ESPN2
10 p.m.: WNBA: Los Angeles Sparks at Phoenix Mercury. (Live) CBSSN
12 a.m. Fri.: BIG3 Basketball Week 6. (Taped) CBSSN
EQUESTRIAN
3 p.m.: Saratoga Live. (Live) FS1
GOLF
7 a.m.: DP World Tour Golf Hero Open, First Round. (Live) GOLF
10 a.m.: Trust Golf Women's Scottish Open, First Round. (Live) GOLF
3 p.m.: Rocket Mortgage Classic, First Round. (Live) GOLF
LACROSSE
5 p.m.: Athletes Unlimited Lacrosse Team Johansen (Orange) vs. Team Apuzzo (Blue). (Live) ESPN2
7:30 p.m.: Athletes Unlimited Lacrosse Team Arsenault (Purple) vs. Team Moreno (Blue). (Live) ESPNU
RUGBY
2:30 p.m.: Rugby Super League (Live) FSP
4 a.m.: NRL Rugby New Zealand Warriors vs Melbourne Storm. (Live) FSP

LOCAL BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEGION
TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS
CT Legion **Tournament**—Super Regionals Regional Finals (Game 1)
Middletown Regional (at Palmer Field)
DANBURY 13, WEST HAVEN 1
Bristol Regional (at Muzzy Field)
WATERFORD 4, STAMFORD 0

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
CT Legion Tournament
State **Championship**—Game 1 (best-of-3)
At Palmer Field, Middletown
Danbury vs. Waterford, 6:30 p.m.

CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE
TUESDAY'S LATE RESULT
BLACK SOX 12, ROCKIES 5
WEDNESDAY'S RESULT
DODGERS AT ANGELS, LATE
THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE
Patriots at Black Sox, 5:45 p.m.
Angels at Rockies, 6 p.m.

GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT LEAGUE
TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS
PEOPLE'S 8, GREENERS 0
Note: Sean Casey and Ben Richardson combined for the shutout. Willie Yahn had a triple and double, Brendan Lynch had a double, 3 stolen bases and Justin Miller had 2 hits for People's.
EXPOS 5, GRAPHICS 1
JETS 1, PHILLIES 0
ORIOLES 12, COLTS 11

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
JETS AT PEOPLE'S, LATE
GRAPHICS AT CARDINALS, LATE
THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE
Expos at Colts, 6 p.m.

PETE KOKINIS BASEBALL LEAGUE
TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS
PKBL Playoffs
19u—Play-in Round
NEW BRITAIN PARKS AND REC 4, FARMINGTON 1
Note: Alex Heidel earned the win, allowing 1 run on 3 hits over 6 innings with 4 strikeouts. Will Estronza was 4-for-4 and picked up the save.
ROCKY HILL 9, PLAINVILLE DEVILS 3
Note: Athar Mehmood picked up the win, throwing a complete game with 7 strikeouts.
AHERN WHALEN-MIDDLETOWN 11, SOUTHLINGTON HITMEN 1
16u—Play-in Round
NOR'EASTERS-NEWINGTON 14, AHERN WHALEN-MIDDLETOWN 4
Note: Colin Alemany tossed a complete game for the win. Eli Bengtsson, Ben Lynch, Reece Hoffelder and Tyler Giudice each had 2 hits for Newington.

GOLF

Ballo repeats at Connecticut Open

Staff report

HAMDEN — Peter Ballo shot a final-round 4-under 66 to defend his title and win the 88th Connecticut Open golf championship Wednesday at New Haven Country Club.
Ballo, an assistant pro at the Connecticut Golf Club, had a three-day total of 7-under 203, to repeat as State Open champ, taking the title by three strokes over Matt Shubley (Great River GC), Brett Stegmaier (New Haven CC) and Jason Thresher (West Suffield). Cody Paladino (Hartford GC) and Max Theodorakis (Ridgefield CC) finished

four back.

Mike Ballo Jr., Peter's brother, finished in a tie for 13th.
Ballo, 31, who won the title at CC of Darien last year, won this time on the same course his father, Michael, won it in 1969. Michael, who passed away in April, also won the State Open in 1978.
Peter Ballo began the week with a par 70, then improved each round, to 67 and 66. He made a clutch putt on the 17th hole to maintain his lead, and finished with a short putt on 18. Earlier, he birdied Nos. 3 and 13, and eagled 10. He had only three bogeys in the 54-hole tournament.

YANKEES VS. METS

Mets closer Diaz having special year

By Matthew Roberson
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — As Jarred Kelenic slowly but surely finds his swing for the Mariners' Triple-A team, trying to climb his way back after an early-season demotion, one of the men for whom he was traded is having a season for the ages.
Several elements of the Mets' season have felt unprecedented, from spending huge money on free agents that have actually paid off to a first half that's only been topped by the 1986 champions. But at the end of games, the Mets have someone who could not only make club history, but also MLB history.
After his four-out, four-strikeout save on Tuesday night, Edwin Diaz is striking out 17.9 batters per nine innings. If he keeps up this pace, Diaz will break Aroldis Chapman's record for strikeouts per nine innings. Among pitchers to throw at least 50 innings in a season, Chapman's 17.7 K/9 from 2014 stands alone.

Two members of the Mets played with Diaz when they were coming up together in Seattle. To them, this stuff is old hat.
“He was that dominant in Seattle,” said Daniel Vogelbach, who was Diaz's teammate from 2016 to 2018. “I don't think anything's really changed.”
Taijuan Walker remembers seeing Diaz make his MLB debut for the Mariners in 2016 and immediately thinking the skinny kid from Puerto Rico was destined for greatness.
“Literally his first outing, I remember all the players on the top step watching him,” Walker recalled. “Every pitch he threw, we were like, ‘Wow, this dude is nasty.’ He was pumping 102, 103 easy.”
Diaz has only hit 102 miles per hour twice this year, both on June 25 in Miami, but he's found a new way to wow people. This is now his seventh year in The Show, and he's throwing his slider more than the fastball for the first time in his career. A staggering 55% of the closer's total pitches have been a slider this year, and the

numbers don't lie. It's a damn good pitch.
Opponents are hitting .146 and slugging .175 against it. The slider has been the finishing move on 62 of his 81 strikeouts and is the main reason for his 51.6% strikeout percentage. Chapman's 52.5% from 2014 is also the record for a pitcher that threw at least 50 innings. If not for Arizona's Daulton Varsho, who took Diaz deep in his seventh outing of the year, there would be no extra base hits off the slider in 2022.
“I feel like this year, instead of a thrower he's a pitcher now,” Walker summarized. “He knows what he needs to do. His slider is really good and he throws his fastball when he needs to.”
But what does the man himself think about the season he's having, which has probably made a few hitters consider a career change.
“I'm prepared to face anyone,” Diaz said after vanquishing the Yankees on Tuesday. “I'm thinking I'm the best on the mound.”

METS

Club plans for return of deGrom next week

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mets ace Jacob deGrom pitched four innings Wednesday for Triple-A Syracuse, finishing strong after a shaky start in what's expected to be his last minor-league rehab outing before rejoining New York's rotation.
“The plan right now, if everything progresses well, is to pitch for us next time,” Mets manager Buck Showalter said. “But that could change by what we hear tomorrow or the next day.”
The two-time National League Cy Young Award winner would likely return to the Mets early next week in Washington. If he pitches Monday or Tuesday, he would be lined up on full rest to make a start in a potentially pivotal five-game series Aug. 4-7 at home against defending World Series champion Atlanta — although the NL East leaders have not committed to that timeline.
“We'll see where we slot that out,” Showalter said.
New York entered Wednesday with a two-game edge in the division over the Braves.
Sidelined all season by a stress reaction in his right scapula, deGrom gave up four runs on a pair of homers and threw 41 of 67 pitches for strikes. He struck out six — twice fanning Kansas City All-Star catcher Salvador Perez — and walked three in a game that began at 12:05 p.m.
“It was good to see him get to almost 70 pitches — that was a good sign,” Showalter said. “We'll get arms around it here in the next day or so, but we hope that his next outing's with us. We'll see.”

Last week Showalter said if deGrom needed another rehab start after this one, then that's what the team would do. He said deGrom is well aware of what it takes to be ready to pitch in the majors.
The 34-year-old right-hander hasn't appeared in a big-league game since July 7, 2021. He missed the second half of last season with right forearm tightness and a sprained elbow, then went down late in spring training this year with the scapula injury.
He's made four minor-league rehab starts totaling 12 ⅓ innings, two at Class A. St. Lucie and two with Syracuse.



Xander Bogaerts, left, and Rafael Devers look at their tablets during the second inning of a game against the Angels on May 5 at Fenway Park in Boston. **MATT STONE/BOSTON HERALD**

Sox

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recognized at that deadline that they were almost certainly not going to re-sign Betts before he became a free agent after the 2020 season. Their farm system was Flat Stanley-thin. They were reigning World Series champions but hadn't looked like the 2018 vintage.
And so, the Red Sox considered whether it made sense to explore dealing Betts — aware that the Dodgers were particularly interested in acquiring him. Some team officials believed that it might be possible to pry catcher Will Smith from Los Angeles in a Betts deadline deal.
But both the Sox and Betts briefly got hot before the deadline, and then-president of baseball operations Dave Dombrowski waved off the idea of a deal of the superstar, particularly after a three-homer game against the Yankees in late July.
“They'll burn down my house if we trade Mookie Betts,” Dombrowski, by multiple accounts, told Red Sox owner John Henry at the time.
Delaying the Betts trade until the following February resulted in a lesser return and likely contributed to the fact that it was consummated not by Dombrowski but by Bloom, his successor. Many in the organization considered it a mistake to have delayed the Betts decision beyond the 2019 deadline.
Given that outlook, why wouldn't the Red Sox explore dealing Bogaerts or Devers now, particularly given that, as Henry recently said, they believe they “are still in a building mode”?
In part, the reluctance to explore trade talks about Devers and Bogaerts is a product of the organization seeing itself as being in a better spot with its overall payroll and farm system than in

2019. Against that backdrop, the idea of revisiting contract talks with Devers and Bogaerts is more likely than it was when Betts was dealt.
Yet even then, the volatile performance of this season has made clear that the 2021 campaign did not mark the beginning of a steady state of contention fueled by an overflowing talent pipeline. The Red Sox still have work to do before the upper levels of the farm system can offer consistent impact in the way that has turned the Dodgers and Astros into preeminent organizations.
That being the case, it's not hard to see the Sox — with a poor showing in the next week — deciding they will trade players who are on the cusp of free agency, starting with J.D. Martinez and Nate Eovaldi, but also including Kiké Hernández (whose defense would be seen as an asset), rehabbing pitchers Michael Wacha, Rich Hill, Matt Strahm, and more.
Yet even if the Sox dealt from that group, they could also look to acquire players who might be under control beyond 2022. While the Sox seem unlikely to engage in the same sort of straightforward deadline buy they did a year ago — when they traded prospects for rentals Kyle Schwarber and Hansel Robles — they do not want to dismiss the opportunity presented by being within a couple of games of a wild-card spot.
“Everybody kind of moved to writing off this group,” said Bloom. “We're not. We're trying to make the postseason. We're going to explore a lot of stuff. Some of it might be things people expect, some of it might not be, but we want to get this group to the postseason.” What might an effort to do so entail? No one, including those within the organization, seems to know just yet. The path forward promises to hold some twists between now and Aug. 2.

BASEBALL ROUNDUP LATE TUESDAY

Mets top Yankees 6-3 in Subway Series matchup of leaders

Staff and wire reports

Eduardo Escobar hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer that capped a four-run, first-inning rally, and the New York Mets beat the Yankees 6-3 Monday night in a rare Subway Series matchup of first-place teams.
Aaron Judge and Anthony Rizzo quieted many of the 42,364 fans at Citi Field in the first inning with opposite-field home runs on consecutive pitches from Taijuan Walker (8-2).

But the Mets stormed right back in the bottom half when Starling Marte homered with one out against Jordan Montgomery (3-3). Francisco Lindor and Pete Alonso followed with back-to-back doubles, and Escobar's two-run, two-out homer put the Mets ahead 4-2.
The Mets, who won four of six games against the Yankees last year, held on for a victory before just their third home sellout this year, what they hoped is a

World Series rehearsal.
Guardians 8, Red Sox 3: At Boston, Nolan Jones hit a three-run homer, fellow rookie Steven Kwan had three hits and Cleveland dampened Boston's celebration for newly minted Hall of Famer David Ortiz.
Minutes after the Cooperstown inductee proclaimed himself a good luck charm for his slumping former team, the Red Sox fell behind 5-0 on their way to a sixth loss in seven

games. They have lost 14 of their last 18 to fall into last place in the AL East.
Yard Goats 6, Sea Dogs 1: Hunter Stovall hit a pair of home runs and Willie MacIver added a two-run shot to lead Hartford to the Eastern League Northeast Division win in the opener of the six-game series against the Red Sox affiliate at Dunkin' Donuts Park. Nick Bush and four relievers held Portland to seven hits.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	66	32	.673	—	—	4-6	L-1	37-12	29-20
Toronto	54	43	.557	11 ½	+2	9-1	W-7	31-19	23-24
Tampa Bay	52	45	.536	13 ½	—	5-5	L-4	31-18	21-27
Baltimore	49	48	.505	16 ½	3	6-4	W-2	28-19	21-29
Boston	49	49	.500	17	3 ½	2-8	L-1	24-24	25-25

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	52	46	.531	—	—	4-6	L-2	27-22	25-24
Cleveland	49	47	.510	2	2 ½	6-4	W-1	25-19	24-28
Chicago	49	49	.500	3	3 ½	6-4	L-1	21-27	28-22
Detroit	40	59	.404	12 ½	13	3-7	W-1	25-27	15-32
Kansas City	39	59	.398	13	13 ½	4-6	L-2	22-30	17-29

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	64	35	.646	—	—	6-4	L-3	30-14	34-21
Seattle	54	45	.545	10	+1	7-3	W-3	27-23	27-22
Texas	43	54	.443	20	9	2-8	L-3	21-26	22-28
Los Angeles	42	56	.429	21 ½	10 ½	4-6	W-2	22-27	20-29
Oakland	38	63	.376	27	16	7-3	W-3	17-33	21-30

BOX SCORES

PHILADELPHIA 7, ATLANTA 2

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Harris II cf	4	0	0	0	1	.286
Swanson ss	2	1	1	0	0	.295
Olson 1b	3	1	1	2	0	.252
Riley 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.294
Rosario rf	4	0	2	0	1	.160
Contreras c	4	0	0	0	2	.252
Ozuna lf	4	0	1	0	1	.223
Cano 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.150
Ford dh	3	0	0	0	0	.150
TOTALS	32	2	5	2	7	
Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Schwarber lf	3	0	0	1	1	.201
Hoskins 1b	3	1	1	0	2	.242
Realuto c	4	0	2	2	0	.257
Hall dh	4	0	2	0	0	.260
Castellanos rf	4	1	1	0	0	.246
Stott 2b	3	1	1	0	0	.195
Bohm 3b	4	2	2	2	2	.293
Gregorius ss	3	1	0	1	1	.218
Herrera cf	3	1	1	1	1	.242
TOTALS	31	7	10	7	8	

E: Morton (1), Cano (1).
LOB: Atlanta 6, Philadelphia 4.
B: Castellanos (21), Bohm (15).
HR: Olson (20), off Gibson.
RBIs: Morton 2 (66), Bohm 2 (39), Herrera (20), Schwarber (61), Realmuto 2 (44), Gregorius (18).
SB: Herrera 2 (6), Hoskins (1).
SF: Schwarber, Gregorius.
Runners left in scoring position: Atlanta 0; Philadelphia 1 (Gregorius).
RISP: Atlanta 0for 0; Philadelphia 4 for 8.
GIDP: Castellanos, Hall.
DP: Atlanta 2 (Swanson, Cano, Olson; Riley, Swanson, Olson).

ATLANTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Morton, L, 5-5	5	6	5	4	2	5	4.34
Matzek	1½	2	2	2	0	0	3.86
Chavez	1½	2	0	0	0	3	2.72
PHILADELPHIA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gibson, W, 6-4	6	4	2	2	2	4	4.60
Brogdon	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.14
Hand	1	0	0	0	1	0	.261
Bellatti	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.25
Pitches-Strikes: Morton 84-54; Matzek 17-12; Chavez 25-21; Gibson 96-62; Brogdon 14-9; Hand 16-11; Bellatti 19-13.							
Batters Faced: Morton 22; Matzek 6; Chavez; Gibson 24; Brogdon 3; Hand 4; Bellatti 4.							
WP: Matzek.							
Umpires: Home, Will Little; First, Shane Livensparger; Second, Todd Tichenor; Third, Rob Drake.							
Time: 2:54. A: 29,038(42,792).							

LATE TUESDAY: BALTIMORE 5, TAMPA BAY 3

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Diaz 3b	5	0	0	0	0	.289
B.Lowe dh	5	0	1	0	0	.247
Arozarena lf	5	0	2	1	0	.257
Choi 1b	4	0	1	0	2	.266
Paredes 2b	3	1	2	1	0	.224
Walls ss	0	0	0	0	0	.173
L.Raley rf	4	1	1	0	1	.156
Belhancourt c	4	0	1	0	2	.242
Quinn cf	4	0	2	1	2	.444
Chang ss-2b	3	1	1	0	1	.179
a-Lowe ph	1	0	1	0	0	.202
TOTALS	38	3	12	3	7	
Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Mullins cf	3	1	1	1	1	.263
Mancini 1b	3	0	0	1	0	.266
Mountcastle dh	0	0	0	0	0	.261
Santander rf	3	1	1	1	0	.242
McKenna rf	0	0	0	0	0	.255
Hays lf	3	0	0	0	2	.186
Beltchman c	2	1	1	0	0	.239
Uria 3b	3	1	1	0	2	.268
Odor 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.197
Mateo ss	3	1	1	0	2	.212
TOTALS	27	5	5	5	7	
Tampa Bay	001 200 000	—	3	12	0	
Baltimore	100 100 03x	—	5	5	1	

a-singled for Chang in the 9th.
E: Urias (7), **LOB:** Tampa Bay 9, Baltimore 1. **2B:** Quinn (1), Mateo (14).
HR: Paredes (14), off Watkins; Mullins (1), off McClanahan; Santander (17), off McClanahan; Urias (11), off Poche.
RBIs: Arozarena (45), Paredes (29), Quinn (3), Mullins (40), Santander (51), Urias 2 (36), Mancini (38), **SB:** Mateo (24), Mullins (21). **SF:** Mancini.
Runners left in scoring position: Tampa Bay 4 (Choi, Quinn, Diaz 2); Baltimore 1 (Mountcastle). **RISP:** Tampa Bay 2for 9; Baltimore 0for 1. **Runners moved up:** L.Raley, Belhancourt.
TAMPA BAY IP H R ER BB SO ERA
McClanahan 7 2 2 2 0 1 7 1.76
Poche, L, 2-1, BS, 6-9 ½ 3 3 3 1 0.83
Armstrong ½ 0 1 0 0 0 3.22
BALTIMORE IP H R ER BB SO ERA
Watkins 5½ 10 3 3 0 4 4.03
Krehbiel ½ 1 0 0 0 1 2 2.45
Akin, W, 2-1 2 0 0 0 0 1 2.44
Lopez, S, 19-23 1 0 0 0 0 1.55
Pitches-Strikes: McClanahan 81-56; Poche 17-10; Armstrong 6-4; Watkins 88-61; Krehbiel 40-25; Akin 3-3; López 16-12.
Inherited runners-scored: Armstrong 2-1, Krehbiel 1-0, Akin 1-0.
Umpires: HP, John Libka; 1B, Mike Muehlins; 2B, Erich Bacchus; 3B, Jim Reynolds. **Time:** 2:43. **A:** 11,307(45,971).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS						
BATTING AVG.	G	AB	R	H	PCT.	
Arraez Min	87	319	54	108	.339	
Devers Bos	87	349	62	113	.324	
Benintendi KC	92	343	40	110	.321	
Bogaerts Bos	94	347	55	110	.317	
Kirk Tor	86	281	48	89	.317	
Gurriel Jr. Tor	88	323	40	101	.313	
France Sea	84	333	38	103	.309	
T.Anderson ChW	69	289	47	89	.308	
Alvarez Hou	81	283	63	87	.307	
Gimenez Cle	85	276	36	83	.301	

Home Runs: Judge, New York, 38; Alvarez, Houston, 28; Buxton, Minnesota, 24; Trout, Los Angeles, 24; Stanton, New York, 24; Rizzo, New York, 23; Seager, Texas, 23; Devers, Boston, 22; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 21; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 21.
Runs Batted In: Judge, New York, 82; J.Ramirez, Cleveland, 79; Alvarez, Houston, 66; Tucker, Houston, 64; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 62; Stanton, New York, 61; A.Garcia, Texas, 61; Story, Boston, 58; Rizzo, New York, 58; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 58.
Pitching: Verlander, Houston, 13-3; Manoa, Toronto, 11-4; Taillon, New York, 10-2; McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 10-3; Gilbert, Seattle, 10-4; Cease, Chicago, 10-4; through Tuesday

L.A. DODGERS 7, WASHINGTON 1

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Robles cf	4	0	0	0	2	.239
Hernandez 2b	3	0	1	0	0	.243
Soto rf	3	0	0	0	2	.243
Bell 1b	3	0	0	0	2	.302
Cruz dh	3	0	0	0	1	.231
Thomas lf	4	1	2	0	1	.232
Garcia ss	4	0	1	1	0	.286
Franco 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.235
Barrera c	2	0	0	0	1	.059
TOTALS	30	1	5	1	10	
LA Dodgers	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Betts rf-2b	3	1	2	0	0	.268
T.Turner ss	4	0	1	0	0	.308
McKinstry rf	0	0	0	0	0	.125
Freeman 1b	2	0	1	0	0	.323
Lamb 1b	2	0	0	0	2	.224
Smith dh	3	1	0	0	0	.256
J.Turner 3b	3	1	1	1	0	.257
Thompson cf	3	2	1	2	1	.267
Alberto 2b-ss	4	1	2	0	0	.240
Barnes c	4	1	1	1	0	.167
Lux lf	4	0	3	2	1	.301

LOB: Washington 7, Los Angeles 8.
2B: Thomas (14), Garcia (12), Hernandez (21), Betts (18), Alberto (6), Lux (14), T.Turner (26). **RBIs:** Garcia (18), J.Turner (54), Thompson (17), Alberto 2 (11), Barnes (14), Lux 2 (28).
Runners left in scoring position: Washington 3 (Thomas, Bell, Barrera); Los Angeles 5 (Barnes, Smith, Lamb 2, T.Turner). **RISP:** Washington 1for 9; Los Angeles 6for 12. **Runners moved up:** Franco, T.Turner, Barnes.
GIDP: Franco, Barrera, Betts, T.Turner, J.Turner. **DP:** Washington 3 (Garcia, Hernandez, Bell; Franco, Hernandez, Bell; Hernandez, Bell); Los Angeles 2 (J.Turner, Alberto, Freeman; Betts, Alberto, Lamb).

WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Corbin, L, 4-14	¾	7	6	6	1	0	6.49
Ramirez	3½	3	0	0	1	1	3.81
Cishek	2	0	0	0	2	2	3.74
Weems	1	0	0	0	1	5	2.71
Machado	1	1	1	1	3	1	4.74
LA DODGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Heaney	4	1	0	0	3	4	0.47
Bickford	1	0	0	0	1	2	5.51
Vesia, W, 3-0	1	0	0	0	2	3	.41
Reed	1½	3	1	1	0	2	10.57
Price	1½	1	0	0	1	0	3.08
Inherited runners-scored: Ramirez 2-0, Price 1-0. WP: Cishek.							
Umpires: Home, Edwin Moscoso; First, Ron Kulpa; Second, Carlos Torres; Third, Chris Conroy.							
Time: 3:03. A: 44,229(56,000).							

LATE TUESDAY: CLEVELAND 8, BOSTON 3

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	5	1	3	0	1	.295
Rosario ss	5	1	2	1	1	.295
Ramirez 3b	3	1	1	0	0	.289
Naylor dh	5	1	2	1	1	.280
Miller 1b	5	0	1	1	2	.247
Gimenez 2b	3	1	0	0	1	.301
Jones rf	5	1	1	3	0	.267
Call rf	0	0	0	0	0	.111
Hedges c	3	1	1	1	2	.177
Straw cf	4	1	1	0	0	.216
TOTALS	38	8	12	7	8	
Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Refsnyder rf	4	0	1	0	0	.319
Verdugo lf	4	1	0	0	0	.262
Bogaerts ss	4	1	3	1	0	.317
Martinez dh	3	0	0	0	3	.299
Vazquez 1b	3	0	0	1	1	.277
Plaweccki c	4	0	1	1	1	.187
Sanchez 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.143
Dalbec 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.200
J.Davis cf	3	1	1	0	1	.429
TOTALS	33	3	7	3	8	
Cleveland	113 200 010	—	8	12	0	
Boston	002 000 010	—	3	7	1	

E: Sanchez (1), **LOB:** Cleveland 8, Boston 7. **2B:** Naylor (15), Bogaerts 2 (26), L.Davis (1), Plaweccki (4). **HR:** Hedges (6), off Winckowski; Jones (2), off Winckowski. **RBIs:** Miller (39), Hedges (17), Jones (3), Naylor (52), Rosario (34), Bogaerts (39), Vazquez (40), Plaweccki (6), **SB:** Naylor (2), Ramirez (24), Kwan (7).
Runners left in scoring position: Cleveland 5 (Gimenez 3, Miller, Naylor); Boston 2 (Sanchez, Martinez). **RISP:** Cleveland 3for 12; Boston 3for 9.
Runners moved up: Miller, Ramirez, Vazquez. **GIDP:** Straw, Jones. **DP:** Cleveland 1 (Jones, Hedges, Jones); Boston 2 (Bogaerts, Sanchez, Vazquez; Bogaerts, Sanchez, Vazquez).
CLEVELAND IP H R ER BB SO ERA
Shaw 2½ 3 2 2 1 2 5.45
Santidy ¾ 1 0 0 0 0 2.81
McCarthy, W, 1-2 4 1 0 0 1 4 6.75
Morgan 1 2 1 1 0 1 3.53
Clase 1 0 0 0 0 1 1.34
BOSTON IP H R ER BB SO ERA
Winckowski, L, 3-5½ 6 5 5 1 1 5.18
A.Davis 2 2 2 0 1 2 4.50
Sawamura 2 0 0 0 1 1 2.97
Diekmann 1 0 0 0 1 1 4.17
Houck 1 2 1 1 0 1 3.20
Ort 1 0 0 0 0 2 12.27
Inherited runners-scored: Sandlin 2-1, **HBP:** Winckowski (Gimenez).
Shaw (Refsnyder): Sandlin (Martinez).
Umpires: Home, Marty Foster; First, Ben May; Second, Scott Barry; Third, Dan Iassogna. T: 3:20. **A:** 32,483(37,755).

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS						
BATTING AVG.	G	AB	R	H	PCT.	
Goldschmidt StL	93	352	68	118	.335	
Freeman LAD	96	376	65	121	.322	
T.Turner LAD	96	389	56	120	.308	
Hoerner ChC	82	294	32	90	.306	
Bell Was	98	358	50	109	.304	
Iglesias Col	81	297	32	89	.300	
S.Marte NYM	81	328	56	98	.299	
M.Machado SD	89	338	61	101	.299	
Arenado StL	91	345	42	102	.296	
Lux LAD	88	278	48	82	.295	

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER

MLS EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	11	2	9	42	34	15
New York City FC	12	4	5	41	41	21
N.Y. Red Bulls	10	6	6	36	34	25
CF Montréal	11	8	2	35	36	36
Orlando City	8	8	6	30	26	31
Columbus	7	5	9	30	27	22
Cincinnati	7	8	7	28	33	38
Charlotte FC	8	12	2	26	25	31
Chicago	7	10	5	26	24	28
New England	6	7	8	26	32	34
Inter Miami CF	7	10	4	25	22	33
Atlanta	6	9	6	24	29	30
Toronto FC	6	12	4	22	30	39
D.C. United	5	12	3	18	26	43

WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	14	4	3	45	42	22
Austin FC	12	5	5	41	45	28
Minnesota United	10	8	4	34	31	26
Real Salt Lake	9	7	6	33	28	27
FC Dallas	8	6	8	32	32	25
Nashville	8	7	7	31	28	28
LA Galaxy	9	9	3	30	30	27
Portland	7	6	9	30	35	31
Seattle	9	10	2	29	28	25
Vancouver	7	10	5	26	24	37
Houston	7	11	4	25	28	31
Colorado	6	9	6	24	25	29
San Jose	5	9	7	22	34	40
Sporting KC	5	13	5	20	19	43

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY'S MATCH
Seattle at Los Angeles FC, 11p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 30
Portland at Minnesota, 3p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 5p.m.
Columbus at Charlotte FC, 7p.m.
New York City FC at CF Montréal, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.
Cincinnati at Miami, 8p.m.
Vancouver at Nashville, 8p.m.
Toronto FC at New England, 8p.m.
Austin FC at Sporting KC, 8:30p.m.
LA Galaxy at FC Dallas, 9p.m.
Real Salt Lake at San Jose, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCH
Orlando City at D.C. United, 5p.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 2
Colorado at N.Y. Red Bulls, 7:30p.m.
FC Dallas at Seattle, 10p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3
D.C. United at Charlotte FC, 7p.m.
CF Montréal at Columbus, 7:30p.m.
Nashville at Portland, 10:30p.m.
Miami at San Jose, 10:30p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 5
Houston at Vancouver, 10:30p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 6
Seattle at Atlanta, 3p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte FC, 7p.m.
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 7:30p.m.
New York City FC at Columbus, 7:30p.m.
N.Y. Red Bulls at D.C. United, 7:30p.m.
Miami at CF Montréal, 7:30p.m.
New England at Orlando City, 7:30p.m.
Toronto FC at Nashville, 8p.m.
LA Galaxy at Sporting KC, 8:30p.m.
San Jose at Austin FC, 9p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 9p.m.
Los Angeles FC at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.
FC Dallas at Portland, 10:30p.m.

U.S. OPEN CUP
WEDNESDAY'S SEMIFINALS
N.Y. Red Bulls at Orlando City, late
Sporting Kansas City at Sacramento Republic FC, late

NWSL CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
San Diego	6	3	4	22	19	11
Portland	5	1	6	21	29	10
Chicago	5	2	5	20	20	16
Houston	5	4	3	18	20	14
Kansas City	5	4	3	18	12	14
OL Reign	4	3	5	17	11	9
Angel City	5	4	2	17	10	11
Orlando	3	5	4	13	12	26
Gotham FC	4	6	0	12	7	18
Louisville	2	5	5	11	13	18
Washington	1	5	7	10	11	15
North Carolina	2	5	2	8	14	16

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY'S MATCHES
Washington at North Carolina, 7:30p.m.
Portland at Louisville, 8p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
San Diego at Chicago, 8p.m.
OL Reign at Angel City, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Houston at Gotham FC, 5p.m.
Orlando at Kansas City, 7p.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 2
OL Reign at Louisville, 8p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 5
Washington at Louisville, 8p.m.
North Carolina at Portland, 10:30p.m.

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	21	7	.750	—
Connecticut	19	9	.679	2
Washington	17	11	.607	4
Atlanta	12	16	.429	9
New York	10	17	.370	10½
Indiana	5	25	.167	17½

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Las Vegas	20	8	.714	—
Seattle	18	10	.643	2
Los Angeles	12	15	.444	7½
Dallas	12	15	.444	7½
Phoenix	12	16	.429	8
Minnesota	10	19	.345	10½

x-clinched playoff spot

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
No games scheduled.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Minnesota at Atlanta, 7p.m.
Seattle at Connecticut, 7p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 8p.m.
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 10p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Las Vegas at Indiana, 7p.m.
New York at Chicago, 8p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULT
Las Vegas 93, Chicago 83
(2022 Commissioner's Cup Final)
MVP: Chelsea Gray, LVA, 19 pts, 5 ast, 4 rb

LEAGUE SHOOTING LEADERS	TEAM	GP	FG%	3P%	FT%
1. Chicago	28	47.6	34.7	82.7	
2. Seattle	28	42.9	34.9	82.5	
3. Las Vegas	28	45.4	35.9	81.4	
4. Phoenix	28	43.3	32.8	81.4	
5. New York	27	42.7	34.8	81.3	
6. Connecticut	28	46.1	35.4	78.8	
7. Minnesota	29	44.5	33.7	78.0	
8. Dallas	27	42.7	34.2	77.9	
9. Washington	28	43.4	33.8	77.6	
10. Los Angeles	27	45.5	34.5	77.1	
11. Atlanta	28	42.0	35.4	76.7	
12. Indiana	30	40.9	33.8	73.0	

FIELD GOAL PCT.	TM	FG	FGA	PCT.
Sylvia Fowles	MIN	146	230	.635
Brionna Jones	CON	146	256	.570
Nneka Ogumwike	LAS	196	347	.565
Emma Meessemann	CHI	154	276	.558
Ezi Magbegor	SEA	112	204	.549
Rebekah Gardner	CHI	95	176	.540
Stefanie Dolson	NYL	87	163	.534
Shakira Austin	WAS	85	161	.528
Han Xu	NYL	87	166	.524

THREE POINT PCT.	TM	3P	3PA	3%
Moriah Jefferson	TOT	28	60	.467
Lexie Brown	LAS	45	103	.437
Jackie Young	LVA	37	86	.430
Elena Delles Donne	WAS	33	78	.423
Katie Lou Samuelson	LVA	46	110	.418
Kelsey Plum	LAS	88	212	.415

FREE THROW PCT.	TM	FT	FTA	FT%
Sabrina Ionescu	NYL	79	84	.940
Allie Quigley	CHI	57	61	.934
S. Walker-Kimbrough	WAS	42	46	.913
Elena Delles Donne	WAS	54	60	.900
Kayla McBride	MIN	72	80	.900
Shey Peddy	PHO	74	89	.898
Diana Taurasi	PHO	114	127	.898
Chelsea Gray	LVA	58	65	.892
Jewell Loyd	SEA	78	89	.876

TENNIS

ATP CROATIA OPEN UMAG
Wednesday at ITC Stella Maris, Umag, Croatia, outdoors, Red clay
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
#2 Jannik Sinner d. Jaume Munar, 6-4, 6-4.
Bernabe Zapata Miralles d. #3 Holger Rune, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Roberto Carballes Baena d. #5 Alex Molcan, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Giulio Zeppieri d. Daniel Elahi Galan, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

ATP ATLANTA OPEN
Wednesday at Atlanta Station, Atlanta, outdoors, hardcourt
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
#4 Frances Tiafoe d. Taro Daniel,, 7-5, 6-4.
#5 Tommy Paul d. Kwon Soon Woo, 6-3, 6-3.
#8 Brandon Nakashima d. John Millman, 7-6(8), 6-4.
Steve Johnson vs. Ilya Ivashka, late

ATP GENERALI OPEN
Wednesday at Tennis Stadium Kitzbuhel, Kitzbuhel, Austria, outdoor, Red-clay
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
#3 Roberto Bautista Agut d. Jurij Rodionov, 6-1, 6-4.
Dusan Lajovic d. #4 Aslan Karatsev, 7-5, 6-3.
#5 Albert Ramos-Vinolas d. Juan Pablo Varillas, 6-3, 6-4.
#7 Pedro Martinez d. Federico Coria, 6-4, 6-3.
Jiri Lehecka d. #8 Joao Sousa, 7-6(6), 1-6, 6-3.
Yannick Hanfmann d. Ivan Gakhov, 6-3, 6-7(5), 6-4.
Filip Misolic d. Pablo Andujar, 6-4, 6-0.
Dominic Thiem, f. Sebastian Ofner, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

WTA LIVESPORT PRAGUE OPEN
Tuesday at TK Sparta Praha, Prague, outdoors, hardcourt
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
#8 Marie Bouzkova d. Dominika Salkova, 6-1, 6-2.
Magda Linette d. Viktoriya Tomova, 6-3, 6-3.
Wang Qiang d. Dalila Jakupovic, 6-3, 6-1.
Okana Selekhmeteva d. Chloe Paquet, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.

WTA BNP PARIBAS POLAND OPEN
Tuesday at Legia Tennis Centre, Warsaw, Poland, outdoors, Red clay
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#1 Iga Swiatek d. Magdalena Frech, 6-1, 6-2.
Kristina Mladenovic d. #6 Anna Bondar, 1-6, 7-5, 7-6(8).
#8 Petra Martic vs. Weronika Falkowska, 7-5, 6-4.
Kateryna Baindl vs. #11Maryna Zanevska, late
Sara Errani d. Arantxa Rus, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4.
Gabriela Lee d. Raluca Georgiana Serban, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5.
Elisabetta Cocciaretto d. Martyna Kubka, 6-2, 6-3.
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
Ana Bogdan d. Katerina Siniakova, 6-0, 6-4.
Laura Pigossi vs. Nadia Podoroska, late

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES
MANUFACTURERS STANDINGS
RK MAKE PTS PB W
1 Chevrolet 777 — 12
2 Ford 703 -74 4
3 Toyota 698 -79 5

DRIVER POINT STANDINGS
DRIVER W TS T10 PTS
Chase Elliott 4 5 15 787
Ross Chastain 2 10 14 682
Ryan Blaney 0 7 10 676
Kyle Larson 1 9 11 661
Martin Truex, Jr. 0 3 9 654
Christopher Bell 1 6 12 605
Joey Logano 2 5 8 599
Kyle Busch 1 6 11 595
William Byron 2 4 5 572
Kevin Harvick 0 5 11 571
Alex Bowman 1 3 9 536
Daniel Suarez 1 5 9 526
Aric Almirola 0 2 6 514
Tyler Reddick 1 6 8 509
Austin Cindric 1 3 6 495
Chase Briscoe 1 3 4 487
Kurt Busch 1 5 8 485
Erik Jones 0 2 7 472
Austin Dillon 0 3 7 448
Michael McDowell 0 1 8 447
Denny Hamlin 2 3 5 443
Bubba Wallace 0 2 4 418
Justin Haley 0 1 2 407
Chris Buescher 0 1 5 388
Ricky Stenhouse, Jr. 0 1 5 367
Cole Custer 0 0 1 353
Harrison Burton 0 0 1 333
Brad Keselowski 0 0 3 319
Todd Gilliland 0 0 0 308
Ty Dillon 0 0 1 294
Corey Lajoie 0 0 1 247
Cody Ware 0 0 0 166
David Ragano 0 0 1 61
Joey Hand 0 0 0 44
Greg Biffle 0 0 0 24
Jacques Villeneuve 0 0 0 15
Boris Said 0 0 0 11
Kyle Tilley 0 0 0 7

NASCAR CUP FASTEST LAPS
Points standing positions, percentage and total fastest laps:
DRIVER POS. PCT. LAPS
1. Kyle Busch 8 7.3 325
2. Chase Elliott 1 7.2 321
3. Ross Chastain 2 6.7 295
4. Martin Truex Jr 5 6.6 294
5. Kyle Larson 4 5.4 238
6. William Byron 9 4.9 215
7. Denny Hamlin 21 4.7 207
8. Ryan Blaney 3 4.6 202
9. Christopher Bell 6 4.4 194
10. Tyler Reddick 14 4.2 188

LAPS LED
DRIVER EV LAPS LED
Chase Elliott 21 5203 658
William Byron 21 4894 611
Ross Chastain 21 5074 474
Kyle Busch 21 5153 462
Martin Truex, Jr. 21 5308 455
Ryan Blaney 21 5016 399
Denny Hamlin 21 4951 311
Kyle Larson 21 5054 291
Tyler Reddick 21 5027 278
Chase Briscoe 21 5129 226
Christopher Bell 21 5274 214
Joey Logano 21 5309 206
Daniel Suarez 21 5071 203
Kurt Busch 20 4855 182
Brad Keselowski 21 5074 73
Erik Jones 21 5372 72
Austin Cindric 21 4723 65

AVERAGE FINISH POSITION
DRIVER EV AVST AVFN
Chase Elliott 21 9.9 10.0
Ross Chastain 21 15.3 12.2
Ryan Blaney 21 9.0 13.1
Kevin Harvick 21 19.0 13.3
Martin Truex, Jr. 21 13.7 13.3
Kyle Larson 21 8.4 13.3
Christopher Bell 21 9.7 14.0
Kyle Busch 21 12.0 14.6
Alex Bowman 21 13.6 15.2
Aric Almirola 21 17.6 15.4
Daniel Suarez 21 14.8 15.6
Joey Logano 21 12.3 15.9
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PGA TOUR TOP 10 FINISHES
GOLFER T10 1 2 3
Patrick Cantlay 9 1 2 1
Matt Fitzpatrick 9 4 1 0
Scottie Scheffler 9 1 0 3
Justin Thomas 8 3 1 0
Sam Burns 8 2 1 1
Rory McIlroy 8 0 3 0
Will Zalatoris 7 1 1 0
Sungjae Im 7 0 2 0
Collin Morikawa 7 3 0 1
Cameron Smith 6 0 1 0
Keegan Bradley 6 2 0 1
Hideki Matsuyama 6 0 0 1
Keith Mitchell 6 1 1 1
Jon Rahm 6 0 1 0
Davis Riley 6 1 2 0
Jordan Spieth 6 0 4 2
Cameron Young 5 0 0 1
Cam Davis 5 0 0 0
Tommy Fleetwood 5 0 0 1
Adam Hadwin 5 0 0 1
Brian Harman 5 1 1 0
Tom Hoge 5 1 2 0
Billy Horschel 5 1 1 0
Viktor Hovland 5 0 1 1
Kevin Kisner 5 0 0 1
Denny McCarthy 5 0 0 1
Seamus Power 5 3 0 1
Xander Schauffele 5 0 0 1
Scott Stallings 5 0 1 1
Sahithi Theegala 5 0 1 1
Cameron Tringale 5 0 0 0
Gary Woodland 4 1 2 0
Tony Finau 4 1 0 0
Talor Gooch 4 0 0 1
Lanto Griffin 4 0 0 1
Max Homa 4 2 0 0
Chris Kirk 4 0 0 0
Shane Lowry 4 0 1 2
Maverick McNealy 4 0 1 0
Joaquin Niemann 4 1 0 1
J.T. Poston 4 1 1 1
Brendan Steele 4 0 1 0
Aaron Wise 4 0 1 0

TOUR SCORING AVERAGE
PGA TOUR RD AVG TOT
1. Rory McIlroy 50 68.595 3,457
2. Matt Fitzpatrick 61 69.064 4,040
3. Cameron Smith 58 69.132 3,725
4. Scottie Scheffler 85 69.259 5,105
5. Shane Lowry 53 69.448 3,204
6. Justin Thomas 67 69.453 4,410
7. Xander Schauffele 67

SPORTS

JETS

Becton switched to right tackle from the left side

Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Mekhi Becton and his pancake blocks are being flipped to the right side of the New York Jets’ offensive line. Coach Robert Saleh announced Wednesday after the team’s first training camp practice that Becton will be the starting right tackle this season. The 2020 first-round draft pick entered his first two NFL seasons as the starter on the left side. George Fant, who took over at left tackle when Becton was hurt in the season opener last year, will remain at that spot. “It don’t really matter to me,” a noticeably slimmed-down Becton said. “I’ve just got to change my technique up. As long as I’m on the field, it don’t really matter to me. I just know I’ve got to do it different. Different things on the right side than I’ve got to do on the left, so it’s a work in progress.” Becton injured his right knee in Week 1 at Carolina last year and

missed the rest of the season. Fant played very well in his place. “We made a decision that was best for the team,” Saleh said. “George had a fantastic year last year at left tackle. Mekhi, he’s a gifted young man who can do both. That doesn’t mean that Mekhi’s left tackle days are over. But right now, he’s young enough ... to make that transition.” Becton was taken with the No. 11 pick out of Louisville two years ago and was viewed as a long-term building block on the Jets’ offensive line at left tackle as the guy protecting the quarterback’s blind side. He had a solid rookie season, but struggled with a foot injury last offseason and then was trying to get comfortable in a new offensive system before the knee injury. “I’m just playing,” Becton said. “I’m just blessed to be on the field again, honestly.” His weight issues have also been a troubling topic of conversation. The 6-foot-7 Becton is listed at 363 pounds, but he ballooned to around 400 last

year, according to an ESPN report. He remained in Texas working out with trainers while missing the voluntary practices this offseason to remain with his girlfriend, who had the couple’s first child. When Becton attended mandatory minicamp last month, he said he would make critics and doubters “eat their words.” Compared to how he looked then, Becton has clearly dropped several pounds. “I’m not going to get too much into the weight, but he got himself into football shape,” Saleh said. “Really, he’s a gifted athlete, he’s a gifted man. And I’m just really excited about the direction he’s going.” **Notes:** Fant was activated from the physically unable to perform list before practice and participated Wednesday. He had offseason knee surgery. ... G Dru Samia was placed on the reserve/PUP list after he was waived yesterday with a failed physical. He doesn’t count against the 90-man roster limit.



The Giants’ Kadarius Toney participates in a practice at the team’s training facility Wednesday in East Rutherford, N.J. SETH WENIG/AP

Giants

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join the celebration. “I thought it was a heck of a catch to go up and get that ball,” Jones said. “That’s what [Toney] can do. As an athlete, he brings that element to our offense. So we’ll keep working and trying to utilize what he does well.” Three months ago, Toney’s Giants future was in doubt. He didn’t show up for the start of Daboll’s offseason program, and the Giants made calls looking to trade a player who had been high maintenance to that point. But then Toney reported to East Rutherford, rehabbed, and got himself ready to put his best foot forward on day one of camp. That is big for Jones, too, because first-year GM Joe Schoen said “continuity is important” in the Giants’ evaluation of the fourth-year QB. Jones needs Toney and Kenny Golladay, among

others, on the field like they were Wednesday. “To have him out there with some of the guys that weren’t out there in the spring is important,” Schoen said. Jones is under pressure to perform now. In a morning press conference, Schoen appeared to keep his expectations for the QB intentionally vague and steered clear of any effusive praise. **Practice report:** Daboll ran several competitive red zone periods. The defense had dominated the offense there in their only hard practice of June’s minicamp. On Wednesday, Jones’ first-team offense was just so-so. After the TD pass to Toney, Darnay Holmes intercepted Jones underneath by jumping a pass intended for Saquon Barkley. Jones responded by hitting second-round rookie Wan’Dale Robinson for a TD. Golladay also dropped a TD pass on a

jump ball toward the left sideline. Barkley, who scored on another Jones pass, fumbled after a catch over the middle. Jihad Ward and Blake Martinez ripped the ball out. ... Martinez (ACL) was mostly limited from 11-on-11, with rookie sixth-round pick Darrian Beavers lining up in his place next to Tae Crowder. Encouragingly, starting left tackle Andrew Thomas was a full go after a January left ankle surgery had limited him in the spring. Thomas admitted he’ll have to wait until the team puts on pads next Monday to “test my anchor” but said he feels good. Rookie No. 5 overall pick edge Kayvon Thibodeaux also was a full participant. **The depth chart:** The first-team offense primarily featured Jones, Barkley, Robinson, Golladay, Toney and rookie tight end Daniel Bellinger, who was

activated off the physically unable to perform list. The first offensive line included left tackle Andrew Thomas, left guard Shane Lemieux, center Jon Feliciano, right guard Mark Glowinski and right tackle Evan Neal. Veteran TE Ricky Seals-Jones saw spotty work with the first team. And when the first offense split off from the second and third units to do drill work, the other skill players to rotate with the first team were RBs Matt Breida and Antonio Williams and WRs Darius Slayton and David Sills. Sills switched to No. 13, Odell Beckham’s old number, with newcomer Marcus Kemp in 84. The first-team defense had FS Xavier McKinney, SS Julian Love, outside corners Jackson and Robinson, Holmes at slot corner, Crowder and Beavers at LB, and Thibodeaux, Dexter Lawrence, Leonard Williams and Ward on the D line.

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prepare the game plan and be the play-caller. And, even more from head coach Bill Belichick, who offers his usual wisdom to the quarterbacks about how to best attack opposing defenses. It’s seeing and creating offense through the defensive lens of Belichick, an expert on that side of the ball, and Patricia, who learned from the master. It sounds like Belichick is expanding the Tuesday private session he typically holds with his quarterbacks. It was in those sessions that Tom Brady learned what defenses were trying to do against him, what to look out for, and how to attack. It certainly served No. 12 well. Now it’s Jones’ turn to get that and more, from Belichick, Patricia, and Judge. “Obviously, Coach Belichick’s done a great job kind of explaining exactly what we’re going to do as an offense, and Matty P’s seen so many different defenses, along with coach Belichick, so it’s like they combine their knowledge on how to attack a defense. That’s something that’s really stood out to me,” Jones continued during his media session following Day 1 of

training camp. “They’re all trying to get us to work together. And, the most important part is that we’re all on the same page regardless of who’s talking, who’s making the decisions on a play or what not. It’s always an open conversation, which I love.” So yes, Jones has been empowered to speak up and provide input if he sees something he likes, doesn’t think will work, or if he feels something can work better with a little tweaking. By the sound of it, Belichick, Patricia and Judge run and are all involved in the offensive meetings. “They all bring a different perspective, but I feel like they’re listening to the players: ‘Hey, we kind of like this concept, let’s try it,’” said Jones. “Or if they want to put in something else, they explain the ‘why’ and that’s the important part for me, understanding why we’re doing something, and from there, as a player, my job is to go execute the plays.” During Day 1 of training camp, Patricia held a walkie-talkie and called the plays on 11-and-11 and 7-on-7 drills. After Jones’ reps were complete, Belichick would reel him in and offer his two cents, while Judge appeared to be making mental notes and taking it all in. But there’s more. Not only are Belichick, Patricia and

Judge trying to give Jones and the rest of the offense a different perspective, but the coaching trio is also working to try and get the unit to operate quicker. It was a talking point with Jones, as well as several other members of the offense who were made available following 80-minute practice. “We’re doing a lot of things schematically to get up there and snap the ball a lot quicker. We have really good skill players that will get lined up and make those plays and obviously a great offensive line,” said Jones. “So, it all comes down to distributing the ball, whether that’s handing it off to the running back, throwing it, swinging to the right, throwing the deep ball. “It doesn’t really matter what I’m doing, if we can do it quickly and put stress on the defense, that makes everything harder.” Wide receiver Kendrick Bourne, who was all smiles during and after practice, agreed. “A lot of adjustments we’ve made are to come off the ball faster,” said Bourne, “and, I think it’s working, just to get a head start off the ball is huge, not taking so long. “It just feels faster. More speed. More urgency. That’s what I would say. It’s a better feeling keeping a defense on their toes, not allowing them to be ready and just kind of coming off the ball.”

Bird

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As they look to chase a title of their own and aspire to careers in the WNBA, the current generation of Huskies have great admiration. Dorka Juhász has noticed the impact Bird makes on the Storm from a leadership perspective, while Mühl mentioned how much she looks up to her playmaking ability, which has earned Bird her position as the league’s all-time assist leader. They share the same No. 10 as well, though Mühl noted that was just a coincidence, as she’s the worn the number most of her life. “Things that are so hard to do, [she] makes them look easy,” Mühl said. “I love that about her game. ... She always tries to find the best players in the best position, whether it’s her or her teammates. Very unselfish player, super emotional — I love that. I see a lot of things that I want to be in her.” UConn players got to witness that firsthand earlier this summer when the team attended the June 17 game between the Sun and Storm. Bird put on a show, scoring 14 points on 4-of-6 shooting from 3-point range while also adding four assists and two steals. For many players that was their last chance to see Bird play, as most of them are now back home on break. The Huskies then spent time after the game with Bird and the other former UConn stars on Seattle’s roster, Breanna Stewart and Gabby Williams (Tina Charles hadn’t signed yet). Bird is still very engaged with the UConn program,

players said, so they’d met her a couple times prior to that, including at last season’s Final Four in Minneapolis. “It’s always a really nice reminder ... of how close the alumni and the UConn family is,” Azzi Fudd said. “We still have a long way to go to reach professionals and WNBA, but they’re still there, they’re supporting us from the outside and they are resources that we have. We can go to them if we have questions or want to talk.” Juhász said Bird also joked with the players about how much stricter summer workouts had become since her time in Storrs. “Sue was bringing up I think that like, ‘Hey, if you win, it’s a little bit different,’” Juhász recalled with a laugh. “But they’re very funny and they’re obviously very supportive of us. They’re always in our corner. So it’s just great to catch up with them and just talk about not just basketball, but life and coaches and stuff like that.” With Bird’s playing career nearing its end, that interaction held extra meaning for the Huskies. “We all kind of knew her retirement was bound to happen soon,” Fudd said. “Getting to see her in person one last time was special. And then getting to see her after the game as well, it was really nice to see. “It’s also kind of a reminder that she’s human. Even though she’s the amazing Sue Bird, she’s still human like the rest of us. So she’s a really good role model for us to have.” *Lila Bromberg can be reached at lbromberg@courant.com and @LilaBBromberg on Twitter.*

WNBA

Sun guard, former UConn star Hartley out for remainder of season with torn ACL

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

Just a little over a week after she signed with the Connecticut Sun, Bria Hartley will miss the remainder of the WNBA season, the team announced Wednesday. The former UConn guard suffered an ACL tear in her left knee in a win over the Minnesota Lynx on Sunday. Hartley went down in visible pain after her left leg twisted in the opposite direction as she tried to save a ball from going out of bounds. Hartley averaged 4.7 points, 1.3 assists and one

steal in three games for the Sun, including the six minutes she played before suffering the injury Sunday. Hartley signed a rest-of-season contract with the Sun last Monday. She has averaged 7.9 points, 2.6 assists and 2.2 rebounds per game in nine seasons in the WNBA. The injury triggered the hardship contract exception for the Sun, allowing them to subsequently sign guard Kiana Williams on Wednesday to a seven-day contract. Williams, a 5-foot-8 former Stanford guard, was drafted 18th overall in the 2021 WNBA draft by the Seattle Storm.

NFL

Brady is back, but he’s hardly the only story for the Bucs

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Tom Brady is back for a 23rd season, his third with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. But that’s hardly the only major storyline for the defending NFC South champions as they begin training camp. Todd Bowles is starting his second stint as a NFL head coach and the Bucs are stockpiling high-profile offensive talent to help Brady pursue an eighth Super Bowl title — as evidenced by the signing Wednesday of seven-time Pro Bowl receiver Julio Jones. Brady, who turns 45 soon, led the NFL in passing yards and touchdowns last season and cited “unfinished business” as one of the reasons he decided to end the brief retirement he announced in February. The Bucs did have another retirement to contend with: tight end Rob Gronkowski, who announced he was stepping away — again — in June. They signed veteran Kyle Rudolph as his replacement. “We’ve got to replace Gronk’s catches. We’ve got an extra weapon, especially in the red zone and out in the field, and we’re going to put him to use,” Bowles said of Jones. “It gives us a chance to be more creative in some of the things we do. We’re happy to have him.” Jones played 10 seasons

for the NFC South rival Atlanta Falcons before injuries sidelined him for seven games two seasons ago and contributed to the worst statistics of his career with the Tennessee Titans last season (31 receptions for 434 yards and one touchdown in 10 games). The Titans then released the 33-year-old receiver, who has 879 catches for 13,330 yards and 61 touchdowns over 11 seasons. “I’m looking forward. I’m not looking backward,” Jones said. “It’s a great opportunity for me to be a part of something special. ... Just looking forward to getting to work.” The Bucs topped Jones’ wish list for potential destinations: A chance to play with Brady and pursue a Super Bowl ring simply was too good to pass up. “It’s a surreal moment. It’s amazing. I’m ready to go,” Jones said. “At the end of the day, it’s all about accountability. I have to be accountable for him, the team and everybody.” Jones is now part of an already dynamic group of playmakers, including receivers Mike Evans, Russell Gage and Chris Godwin, who’s recovering from surgery to repair the anterior cruciate ligament and medial collateral ligament in his right knee. “When all is said and done, I’ve still got to come to work. I still have to put the work in,” Jones said.

OBITUARIES BY TOWN

Berlin Harry Bukowski	Old Saybrook Lenore Schumann
Bloomfield Steven R. Bagnall	Other Towns in CT Steven R. Bagnall
Bristol Dani-Sue A. Chiarappi Donna J. Clayton	Jeannine A. Baril Harry Bukowski Margaret R. Colangelo Royce F. Mccall Toni Marie Rossi Patricia M. Wiley
Burlington Dani-Sue A. Chiarappi	Out of State John F. Egan Stergos Kyprillis Royce F. Mccall
East Hartford Stergos Kyprillis	Plainville Donna J. Clayton
Enfield Toni Marie Rossi Robert H. Simmons	Rocky Hill Charles Caldwell
Hartford Charles Caldwell John F. Egan Sharon "Sherry" A. Rizza Barbara Tollefson	Simsbury Barbara Tollefson
Middletown Ann O'Keefe Ford Lenore Schumann	South Windsor Susan A. Cleasby Sharon "Sherry" A. Rizza Lois Wassserman
New Britain Lorraine M. Morin	Vernon Margaret R. Colangelo
Newington Hector Felix De Jesus Lorraine M. Morin	West Hartford Patricia M. Wiley
	Wethersfield Ann O'Keefe Ford

* Denotes name listing only.
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Baril, Jeannine Adrian

76 of Coventry passed away in Windham Hospital. She was a loving and devoted wife to Robert H. Baril loving mother to daughter Corrinna Renaud, grandsons Patrick and Taylor Renaud, daughter in law Star and Great Grandmother to Marceline. Born in Madawaska, ME. She was the daughter to late Albert and Edna (Chase) Morin. In her younger days worked at textile mills in Woonsocket, RI. She finished her career working in a nursing home for 31 yrs as a Housekeeper than Dietary Aide. She really enjoyed working with the elderly patients. Jeannine was kind and a hard working woman, she gave her all. She leaves her brothers Jerry, Lionel, Adrian and Normand Morin of Woonsocket, R.I., her sisters Rolande Langlois of N. Smithfield, Jacqueline Desrosiers and Tina Desjarlais both of Woonsocket R.I. Known as Aunt "J" to her several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers Raymond, Conrad, Milford, Remeo "Bobby", and Ronald Morin. Celebration of Life will be at Coventry home July 30th at 1pm.

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Bukowski, Harry

Harry S. Bukowski "Butch" of Kensington passed away on Tuesday, June 21, 2022. Born in New Britain he lived most of his life in Kensington. Butch loved the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing, and gardening, these hobbies he excelled at. He loved sharing his "bounty" with family and friends alike. He enjoyed traveling and "winning" at the casino. He was always known to take the back roads to just enjoy life's ride and life was better because he was in it. He had a great sense of humor and loved to talk to anyone who would listen. and was affectionately known as "Uncle Butch" to many.. He was the best husband and father anyone could ask for and made many friends in his life's journey. He was a beautiful person that will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He was employed by Stanley Works both in management and as a machinist until his retirement. Afterwards, he continued to work with his family at Newington Auto Parts. He was predeceased by his wife June of 52 years, his parents Stanley and Valeria Bukowski of New Britain and his brother Robert. He leaves behind two daughters and sons-in law Wendy (Brian) Boissonneault of North Windham, and Lynn (Michael) Kuzina of Berlin, his best friend and partner for the last 7 years Alicia Woodruff of Kensington, and several cousins, nieces and nephews. Burial will be private. Family and friends are invited to a mass to be held in his honor on Saturday July 30, 2022 at 11:00am Kensington Congregational Church. 312 Percival Ave. Kensington, CT In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Harry's name to Kensington Congregational Church or a charity of your choice.

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Caldwell, Charles

Charles Richard Caldwell, 87, of Rocky Hill, passed away at Hartford Hospital on July 25, 2022. He was the husband of Joanna (Formica) Caldwell. Born in Hartford, Connecticut on February 1, 1935, he was the son of the late Charles and Mabel (Oakley) Caldwell. Charlie loved gymnastics in high school, so much so he joined the circus after high school! He traveled all over the US as a circus gymnast and balancing act. He came back to CT and started his career at Colt firearms. Charlie was an avid gun collector and kept them very pristine. Charlie, with his family, loved going camping and daytrips to historic places, like Plymouth Rock. Besides his wife of 53 years, Charlie is survived by two sons, Richard and his wife Leila of Manchester and Christian of Rocky Hill. He also leaves a sister, Judy Barberino and her husband Joseph of Wallingford, Sister-in-laws Zina Zocco of Wethersfield and Nella Lombardi of Italy. He was predeceased buy two sisters Nancy Zawalich and Elizabeth Luzusky. In addition to a special niece, Jill Sturtevant and her husband Douglas of Old Saybrook and many other nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family. The family will receive relatives and friends from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday (July 30th) at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd., Wethersfield. A prayer service will be held at 1:30pm on Saturday in the funeral chapel at the conclusion of calling hours. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. To leave a message for the family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com



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Bagnall, Steven R.



Steven R. Bagnall, 64, of Ivoryton and formerly of Bloomfield passed away on Sunday, July 24, 2022, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in New London. Born October 8, 1957 in Hartford, son of the late Dr. Richard S. Bagnall and Barbara (Felletter) Bagnall. Steve proudly served with the U.S. Marine Corps and later became a member of the Patriot Guard. He worked as an auto mechanic at Bloomfield Garage and later at Ivoryton Service Station for many years. Steve was also a former member of the Bloomfield Volunteer Ambulance and Fire Department. He was an avid outdoorsman throughout his life. Steve particularly enjoyed snowmobiling, waterskiing, jet skiing, and touring on his Harley Davidson. He was a passionate NASCAR fan. Steve also had the talent to build and fix anything mechanical. Steve is survived by three siblings, James Bagnall (Jonnie-Lee) of Wallingford, VT, Anne Pelow (John) of Newington, and Barbara Bagnall of Bloomfield. Nieces and nephews include: Robert Bagnall (Katie) and their son Brady, Kristen Langan, (Kevin); John Pelow II (Samantha), their children Gabriella and Jacob; Kathryn DeJulius (Adam) and their son Gianluca; Michaela Bagnall (Melzea Allison) and their daughter Nora; and Ryan and David Hodder. He was predeceased by his brother, Corporal Robert S. Bagnall who was lost in Vietnam. Steve and his family are especially grateful to the kind staff at Bride Brook Health and Rehabilitation Center as well as his many friends who were so supportive during these past five years following his severe stroke. His family will welcome friends on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 from 10-10:45 AM at Sacred Heart Church, 26 Wintonbury Ave., Bloomfield, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Church. Burial with military honors will be held at Mountain View Cemetery, Bloomfield. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Corporal Robert S. Bagnall Scholarship Fund, 55 Grandview Dr., Newington, CT 06111, which supports those seeking continuing education. To leave on-line condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Chiarappi, Dani-Sue A.



Dani-Sue Ann Chiarappi, 63, of Bristol, passed away peacefully at The Hospital of Central CT on July 25, 2022. She was born in Bristol on December 27, 1958, a daughter of the late Louis and Cindy (Donovan) Chiarappi. Dani-Sue lived for her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed many years as her daughters' girl scout's leader and a coach for McCabe-Waters Little League while they were young. She loved working with disabled adults in the social services field as house administrator for a group home. She was very artistic and loved to make crafts. She is survived by her loving husband Paul Gendron, her daughters Shawnti Chiarappi and her fiancé Kevin Melecio, Sr., and Kimberly Gendron; her grandchildren Kevin Jr., Dominic and Angelina Melecio, Kalliope and Laurel Gendron and Briar Gendron-Beltran; 3 great-grandchildren, her siblings and their spouses Donna and Michael Chartier, John and Pauline (Howes) Chiarappi, and Mikey Chiarappi and his partner Jodee Fridrich; and many nieces, nephews and friends. She was predeceased by two siblings Angel Raymond and David Chiarappi. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2022 at 2pm at the American Legion, 22 Hooker Ct., Bristol. Please share a memory of Dani-Sue with her family in the online guestbook at www.OBrien-FuneralHome.com.



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Cleasby, Susan A.(King)



Susan A. (King) Cleasby, of South Windsor, was a loving wife, mother, sister and friend. Susan passed away on July 21st, 2022, at the age of 67 after a courageous battle with multiple myeloma. She was surrounded by loved ones who will continue to honor her legacy by living, traveling and cooking their lives to the fullest. Susan was a strong independent, exceptional woman. Everyone who met Sue could never forget her infectious passion for cooking and trying new recipes. Susan loved to travel, especially with her husband Craig. There was no motorcycle adventure she would not take and no cruise ship she would not board. The most memorable motorcycle adventure with Craig took them to Steamboat Springs and Paoina, CO. She enjoyed many trips to Ogunquit, ME and New York City with her extended family and friends. She was extremely detail oriented, if anyone needed help with organizing, she was on her way with post-its in hand. She spoke fluently in French and Spanish and was always eager to learn a new language. Susan was an accomplished CPA, musician and artist. The simplest pleasures in life brought her great joy, especially her grand puppy Madi. Susan is survived by her husband, Craig; her daughter, Kristen; her sister, Donna King-Johnson and husband Ed; her sister-in-law Cyndi Sweeney and husband Brian; her sister-in-law Dianne Cook and husband Bobby; her nephew Bryan Johnson his wife Catherine and their son Cooper. Susan is also survived by many nieces and nephews in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and South Carolina. The family would like to acknowledge her doctors, Zachary Cavanaugh, MD and Syed Bilgrami, MD. Their kindness and compassion provided a great comfort to her. We would also like to acknowledge all the staff at St. Francis Hospital and rehabilitation facilities who cared for Susan over the past two years. A celebration of Susan's life will be held Sunday, July 31, 2022, at Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Road, South Windsor from 1:00 to 3:00 in the afternoon. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Companion Pet Rescue, Marginal Way Preservation Fund, or The Salvation Army. For online condolences and guest book, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Clayton, Donna J. (Rossitto)



Donna J. Clayton, 72, of Bristol passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at home. Donna was born on August 9, 1949 in New Britain. She was the daughter of the late Joseph and Julie (Pulcini) Rossitto. Donna was a graduate of Pulaski High School in New Britain. Donna married James Clayton of Bristol and spent the last 28 years together. She enjoyed shopping, the casino and going on beach vacations. Her love of animals brought her to be a long time volunteer to A. R. F. of Terryville. In addition to her husband James, she is survived by her daughter Lori Michaud of Plainville; son Kevin Alderuccio of Enfield; her grandchildren Korina, Amanda, Samantha, Alyssa and Joseph; her great-grandson: Gabriel; and brother: Ronald Rossitto and his wife Donna of Plantsville. She also leaves behind several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Donna was predeceased by her grandson Jordan and her brother Joseph Rossitto. A Celebration of Donna's Life will take place on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 from 2 to 4 PM at Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Ave., Bristol who has the honor of serving her family. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. To leave an online condolence go to Donna's memorial page at www.FunkFuneralHome.com



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Colangelo, Margaret R.



Margaret "Marge" R. Colangelo passed away peacefully in her sleep on Saturday July 23, 2022 at the age of 87. Marge was born in Baltimore, MD on September 13, 1934 to the late George O. Redtman and Blanche L. (Treulib) Redtman. Marge went to school in Baltimore, MD where she met her husband Carmine while he was stationed there in the Navy. Carmine dialed a wrong phone number and found Marge on the other end of the line which brought them together. They married in 1953 and settled in Vernon, CT where they raised their family. Marge held several positions in her career and retired from Rockville High School where she was the Head Secretary to the Principal, a position that she loved. She had many interests and enjoyed time as a Girl Scout leader and Cub Scout leader. Marge was a great cook, baker, and quilter. She was a long time parishioner of St. Mary's Church, and currently St. Edward's Church, and also took part in prayer groups. Marge was a loving mother, wife, grandmother, and great grandmother. Her family was her priority and brought her much joy. Marge is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Cynthia and David DeNardis of Stafford Springs, CT, her son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Lisa Colangelo of Willington, CT, and her daughter and son-in law, Diane and Charles Brunson of Monument, CO; her grandchildren, who lovingly referred to her as "Nan", Jason and his wife Kelly, Elizabeth and her husband Brian, and Carmine and Nicholas, and great grandchildren, Evan, Emilie, and Benjamin. She was predeceased by her siblings, Alma, Janet, and George. She leaves behind many cherished nieces, nephews, family members, and friends, including her good friend, Barbara. Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 from 9:00-10:30 A.M. at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, CT, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 A.M. at St. Edward Church, 55 High St., Stafford Springs, CT. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, Coventry, CT. Memorial donations may be made to Spiritual Renewal Services, 11 Bath St., P.O. Box 6, Norwich, CT 06360. To leave a condolence online for the family, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com



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Felix De Jesus, Hector



Héctor Félix De Jesús, 70, passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his loving family and friends on July 22, 2022. He was the beloved husband of Elizabeth Félix whom he celebrated 50 years of marriage with this past April. Héctor was born in Puerto Rico on November 30, 1951, son of the late Antonio Félix and Elsie De Jesús. Héctor and his family moved from Puerto Rico in 1986 and settled in Newington, CT. He was an honorably discharged veteran, who served in the U.S. Army as a member of the 82nd Airborne Division. He was also a proud member of the Army Band and took special pride in playing the trumpet and Taps at the funerals of other veterans. He was a poet, an artist, a writer, an evangelist, a teacher, a musician, an advocate of health, a proud Puerto Rican and a crazy lover of Jesus. He will be remembered as an incredibly loving, charismatic man that had a profound touch on everyone he met. Most important to Héctor was his faith and his family. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. Along with his wife Elizabeth, Héctor is survived by his children: Mariela Arzabe, Hector Daniel Félix, and Johanna Félix, their significant others and his grandchildren: Josiah, Viviana, Daniel, and Juliana Arzabe, and Danela and Amabelle Félix. He is also survived by his sister Elsie Leticia "Letty" Félix; his brothers Antonio "Toñito", Wilfredo, Orlando, and Luis "Luisito" Félix; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his granddaughter Gracie Arzabe; and brother Carlos "Carlitos" Félix. Friends and family are invited to visit with Héctor's family on Saturday, July 30th with viewing hours from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and his Memorial Service with military honors will be at 12:00 to 1:00pm at the Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. He will be laid to rest in the Veteran's Cemetery in Puerto Rico. In lieu of flowers, consider making a donation in Hector's honor to the Church in Newington at www.givesendgo.com/hector. To share a condolence or a memory with his family, please visit www.newingtonmemorial.com.



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McCall, Royce Frederick

Royce Frederick McCall (Mickey-Mac) A memorial service will be held at the United church of Christ, 273 - CT 81 Killingworth on Friday August 5th at 11am, Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

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Egan, John Francis



siblings, Kay, and Edward. He married his high school sweetheart, Joan Grimaldi on August 22nd, 1964.

John would spend long hours developing his basketball skills at Keney Park against players twice his size. During his years at Weaver High School, he along with teammates, Robert Countryman, Ted McBride, Russ Carter and John Sullivan led the Beavers to an undefeated season and the New England championship. John was awarded All American Honors in 1957 and is considered one of the greatest players in Connecticut basketball history.

John attended his beloved Providence College where he teamed up with Hall of Famer Lenny Wilkins to put the Providence Basketball program on the map. In 1961, he led the Friars to a NIT championship in Madison Square Garden. He earned several honors during his college career, including Honorable Mention All-American accolades (1959) and Second Team All-American distinction (1961). After graduating with a degree in Economics he was drafted into the NBA by the Detroit Pistons as the 12th overall pick and played eleven seasons for six teams (Pistons, Knicks, Bullets, Lakers, Cavaliers and the Rockets). Highlighted by making the NBA finals in 1969 with the Los Angeles Lakers. He invented a shot that Lakers announcer Chick Hearn dubbed the 'alley-oop' that is now referred to as a tear drop or floater. At 5'11" he could dunk the ball from a standing start earning the nickname "Space" and perfected his shot over the likes of Wilt Chamberlain and Bill Russell. During his NBA playing career, he would animatedly declare that "no one could block his shot," and he would prove it with an alley-oop over the league's big men.

He went on to coach the Houston Rockets for four seasons, from 1972-1976 and led the Rockets to their first ever playoff series win against the Knicks. His passion was helping people – as a teacher of basketball fundamentals. He encouraged young people in clinics at the YMCA; was an advocate for his fellow NBA alumni as the first President of the Houston Chapter of the NBA Retired Players Association; a good neighbor as the head of his neighborhood association; a friend organizing a group to help people in the community from his local Starbucks; and a mentor to his five grandchildren and many others. He was an active player, inventor, coach, teacher, advocate, good neighbor, friend, and mentor. Always in terrific physical shape, John's routine included dozens of finger-tip push-ups, basketball, yoga, and golf through his seventies and into his eighties.

John is preceded in death by his wife, Joan Frances Grimaldi Egan and sister Kathleen "Kay" Shoaf. He is survived by brother, Edward Egan, son John Egan Jr, daughter Kimberly Egan Gonzalez, daughter-in-law Kristen Egan, son-in-law George Y. Gonzalez and grandchildren Alexandra, Briana, Nicolas, Jet "John III" and Elizabeth; and many nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial for John will be on Friday July 29th, 2022 at 2:00 pm. The mass will be at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 1801 Sage Road, Houston, TX 77056, with a reception to follow at the Flora (fka The Dunlavy), 3422 Allen Parkway, Houston, TX 77019. A private Rite of Committal with the family will be at Glenwood Cemetery.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.earthmanhunterscreek.com for the Egan family.

Under the direction of Earthman Funeral Directors at Hunters Creek 713.465.8900

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Schumann, Lenore (Wrang)



Lenore (Wrang) Schumann, 88, formerly of Old Saybrook and Middletown, beloved wife of Alan "Red" R. Schumann, Sr., died Friday, July 22, 2022, at The Saybrook at Haddam. She was born in Middletown, the daughter of Dr. William E. and Catherine (Lee) Wrang. She was a graduate of Bay Path College in Longmeadow, MA. Lenore was employed as a buyer for Bunce's Department Store and later worked for the City of Middletown Parking Authority and Finance Departments. Besides her husband, Lenore is survived by her son, Alan R Schumann, Jr., and his wife Marisa of Cromwell; daughter, Erica Cosenza and her husband Frank of Old Saybrook; grandchildren, Matthew Schumann of Cromwell, Kathryn Schumann of New York, NY, Nicholas Cosenza and his wife, Michelle of Kodiak, AK, A.J. Cosenza of Boston, MA; sister, Sheila Farrell and her husband Harold of Cromwell; sister-in-law Alice Wrang of Portland, also, multiple nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. She was pre-deceased by her daughter, Carol, and brother, William Wrang, Jr. Summers on the Connecticut shore with her extended family were a large part of her life and the source of numerous happy memories. Lenore and Red loved traveling and enjoyed experiencing the food and cultures wherever their adventures took them. Mostly, Lenore took great pride and joy in the lives and accomplishments of her grandchildren. Even as her memory deteriorated, just the mention of their name(s) would elicit a big smile with more questions and comments about their activities. An often-repeated quote about her grandchildren, "all you got to do is love them, and then send them home." The Funeral Liturgy at St. John Church, Old Saybrook is private and invitation-only due to Covid concerns. The mass will be live streamed at the following link https://youtu.be/SF_ewqFm3DE on Saturday at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in St. John Cemetery, Middletown. Those who wish may send memorial contributions to the Connecticut Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, or the charity of the donor's choice. Finally, the family would like to express their sincere appreciation and gratitude for the care and support given to Lenore by the entire staff during her stay at The Saybrook at Haddam. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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Kyprillis, Stergos



Kyprillis and Despina Kyprillis, his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Stergos had a great passion for woodworking. His proudest accomplishment though was his family. He was a selfless, supportive, generous and caring father, husband and friend who will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

The Dillon-Baxter Funeral Home, 1276 Berlin Tpke., Wethersfield, CT has charge of arrangements. There are no calling hours. Services and burial will take place in Rhodes, Greece.



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O'Keefe Ford, Ann



Ann O'Keefe Ford, 60, of Wethersfield, CT, formerly Middletown, CT, beloved fiancé of Sladjan Ilic', died peacefully in her sleep on July 25th, 2022. She was born on May 29th, 1962, in Hartford, CT and grew up in Wethersfield, CT, the daughter of Barbara and the late Andrew Joseph O'Keefe. Ann is survived by her three beautiful children; Amanda Ford (Jim Calkins), Michael Ford, Thomas Joseph (TJ) Ford III (Haley), her three brothers; Matthew O'Keefe, Michael O'Keefe (Janet), and Peter O'Keefe (Gloria), and four grandchildren; Callan, Skylar, Thomas and Max as well as two nephew; Patrick, and Andrew; two niece; Abby, and Kirby. She also leaves behind the father of her three children, Thomas Joseph Ford, Jr, as well as Sladjan's daughter, Eliza.

A graduate of Wethersfield High School, she earned a BA in Communication from Southern Connecticut State University and worked until her retirement from Connecticut Valley Hospital as a Mental Health Assistant.

Ann had a passion for the beach and the sun, spending as much of her summers as possible with her family at Point 'O Woods in Old Lyme, CT. She was a very determined woman who overcame significant challenges throughout her life, most notably as a survivor of breast cancer. She was always well intended, had an enormously big heart, and a deep love for each of her three children and four grandchildren. All of us that knew and loved her can take comfort in the knowledge that she is now resting with God in Eternal Peace. She will be missed terribly by all of us but will be forever in our hearts.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 am on Saturday July 30th at Blessed Sacrament Parish (St. Bernard Church), 25 St. Bernard Terrace, Rockville, CT 06066. There will be visiting hours before the Funeral Mass in the Church from 9:30 am – 10:45 am. The D'Esopo Funeral Chapel of Wethersfield is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ann's memory may be made to the Susan G. Komen Organization (www.komen.org) to help fight breast cancer. For online expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.wdesopofuneralchapel.com.

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Rizza, Sharon "Sherry" Ann



Sharon "Sherry" Ann Rizza, 59, of South Windsor, fiancé and best friend of Tom Tarascio of Niantic, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, July 21, 2022. Sherry was born on August 10, 1962, in Hartford, one of four beloved children of the late Salvatore and Carmelina Rizza. She was a graduate of South Windsor High School, Class of 1980. Sherry was employed as an Event & Catering Coordinator having worked for several different restaurants and catering companies in the area. Sherry was an avid animal lover and had raised several birds including an African Grey, Yellow Headed Amazon, Jardine, and Senegal parrots. She considered her daughters' huskies to be her granddaughters. Sherry was an amazing Italian chef who was always eager to create new dishes. Sherry was always known for being the life of the party whether at her favorite restaurants or beaches. She was the most generous soul and was forever giving of herself in anyone's time of need. Sherry was known for her infectious laughter, big blue eyes, and beautiful blonde hair. In addition to her fiancé Tom, she is survived by her loving and cherished daughter Taylor Newton and her partner Zach of East Hartford, her two sisters, Margaret Crowley and her spouse Thomas of Coventry and Debbie Crane and her partner John Risley of Newington. Several nieces, nephews, their families and many wonderful friends and colleagues. In addition to her parents, Sherry was predeceased by her brother Gary Rizza, her brother-in-law Charles Crane, and her nephew Tommy Crowley. A time of visitation will be at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Road in South Windsor on Sunday, July 31, 2022, from 6-9 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 673 Ellington Road, South Windsor on Monday, August 1, 2022, at 11:00 am. Everyone is asked to go directly to the church. Burial will follow in Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Protectors of Animals, 144 Main St. Unit O, East Hartford, CT 06118. To leave an online condolence please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Tollefson, Barbara (Duncan)



Barbara Duncan Tollefson, 92, of Burlington, wife of the late Walter F. K. Tollefson, died Thursday, July 21, 2022 at her home with her daughter at her side. She was born February 19, 1930 in Hartford, daughter of the late Charles Robert and Mary (Welton) Duncan and was raised in Simsbury, but lived in Hartford most of her adult life prior to moving in with her daughter three years ago. She was a Telephone Operator for SNET for 32 years before retiring. After retirement she worked for Finley's Fine Jewelry in G. Fox's in Hartford. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, reading, and loved to travel to Europe, especially to England and Scotland. She had keen interest in the Queen of England and was affectionately known as Queen B by her grandchildren. She is survived by her daughter, Ann Tollefson Young of Burlington; her son, Charles W. Tollefson and wife Sherry of Windsor Locks; daughter-in-law, Carol Fenton; her grandchildren, Heather, Carri-Ann, Courtney, Sarah and Kyle; great grandchildren, Lucas, Jake, Landon, Madelyn, Colby, Skyler, Nolan and Colin and her very special former daughter-in-law, Nancy Tollefson and son-in-law, Robert Young. She was predeceased by her step son, Rick Fenton and her sister, Betty Fisher. Calling hours will be held on Saturday, July 30th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the Vincent Funeral Home, 880 Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury. A celebration of her life will start at 12:00 Noon followed by burial in Simsbury Cemetery. Donations in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Please visit Barbara's Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Wiley , Patricia M.



Patricia (Pat) Marren Wiley, 83, passed away on Monday, July 25, 2022, in Mystic, CT, after a brief illness. Patricia was born in West Hartford, CT, to the late Lawrence Marren and Mary McRory. She resided in Essex, CT, and Port St. Lucie, FL, for many years. Patricia was predeceased by her husband, Martin (Marty) G. Wiley; son, Douglas Antonson and brother, Craig Marren. She is survived by her children, Ken Antonson, Ray Antonson and Scott Antonson; Marty's children, Tamara Wiley, W. Scott Wiley, Cameron Wiley, Daureen Dannenberger; her brothers, Lawrence Marren (Anita) and John Marren (Marilyn); her sister, Elaine Marren; 11 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She loved going sailing, traveling and playing golf with her husband, Marty. She enjoyed visiting with family, dining with friends at Essex Yacht Club and having her dogs Mia and Zoe with her.

Funeral services and burial ceremony for Patricia will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her honor to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or a children's charity of your choice. The Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home of Centerbrook is caring for the arrangements. To share a memory of Patricia or condolence message with her family, please visit www.rwwfh.com.

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Wasserman, Lois (Cutler)



Brian London, Taylor London, Morgan Wasserman and David London, and her sister Maxine Dorfman. Lois is predeceased by her brother Joel Cutler.

Lois is survived by her husband of 61 years, Kenneth Wasserman; her children Nancy and Marc London, Jason and Jennifer Wasserman, her grandchildren Brooke Wasserman, Lois was born October 17, 1938 in Hartford, Connecticut as the youngest of three children to Samuel and Tillie Cutler. She graduated from Hall High School and then earned a degree in business from the University of Connecticut. Music was a large part of her early life, first with the violin and then as trombone player in the UConn Marching Band. After college, she worked for Connecticut General Insurance, before it became Cigna, and was the assistant to the CEO (Frasier Wilde). For most of her working career, she managed the books for Fabian Drug Store.

Lois hosted foreign exchange students, Mika Seimiya and Karina Prizont Cowen, who will forever refer to Lois as Mom and mean it. She created and managed a Cutler Family page on Facebook to facilitate keeping in touch with many cousins. She loved Temple Beth Hillel in South Windsor, especially Rabbi Glickman and so many of the members, where she also volunteered for several years before her health turned.

Lois enjoyed traveling the world and particularly enjoyed visiting Israel. She loved the pets that also blessed her for a few of her years. Most of all, she was passionate about human rights and dignity and saw the good in people.

A funeral service is scheduled for 11:00 am on Friday, July 29, 2022 at Weinstein's Funeral Home at 640 Farmington Avenue in Hartford followed by burial at the Cutler Family Cemetery on Hurlbut Street in West Hartford, CT. Rabbi Jeff Glickman will officiate the ceremony. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Lois's life. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Temple Beth Hillel at 20 Baker Lane, South Windsor, CT <https://www.tbhsw.org>. The family would like to thank the caregivers at Hartford Hospital Hospice as well as the home help staff at Faith Care and Home Companions (Rosita, Wadeline and Cynthia).

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Frozen mixed vegetables simultaneously thaw and cook in the shrimp-infused oil of shrimp fried rice with yum yum sauce.
DAVID MALOSH/
THE NEW YORK
TIMES

A kitchen powerhouse

Making the case for frozen mixed vegetables

By Eric Kim
The New York Times

Buried inside freezers all over the U.S. today, bags of corn, carrots and peas — separate, or all together as “mixed vegetables” — are the workhorses of the home kitchen. A pea (or corn or carrot) flash-frozen at its peak ripeness is a thing of wonder, a reliable standby across cultures. Heat can reanimate the vegetables in a big pan of fried rice, in a burbling pot of vegetable-beef soup or in a luscious chicken potpie.

But frozen mixed vegetables come in especially handy when making shrimp fried rice, not least because the vegetables need only to be thawed by the skillet’s high heat. As you stir them into the shrumpy oil, they cook quickly, lending their gentle bite to the rice and enlivening it with a confetti of yellow, orange and

green.

The medley’s staying power might lie in its classic colors, or in its natural sweetness, not to mention its cleverness. (The vegetables’ consistent size means they cook in the same amount of time.) But what makes the medley especially powerful is how it is seamlessly folded into dishes that don’t traditionally call for frozen vegetables.

In Indian cooking, sabzi comes to mind, as do pulao and biryani. Atlanta-based journalist Sonam Vashi makes a tadka of mustard seeds bloomed in oil, into which she blisters frozen mixed vegetables, which she then enjoys with paratha. Vashi said she learned this technique from her mother, who immigrated from India to Greer, South Carolina, in 1971 and was adapting to the groceries that were available to her.

Frozen mixed vegetables also work wonders in a Japanese-style

curry rice, matching the sweetness of the gravy while adding color. You could shuck your own corn, peel your own carrots and shell your own peas for any of those dishes or for a Korean gamja salad, or you could reach for frozen.

Despite their ubiquity, frozen mixed vegetables can carry a stigma, most likely rooted in bad memories of grade-school peas and carrots, or misconceptions that fresh is always better than frozen. But not only do the fresh versions of these same vegetables quickly languish in the crisper drawer, access to them can be limited (and expensive).

As much as people love to hate frozen vegetables, many have a soft spot for that nostalgic combination of corn, carrots and peas, which lend an uncomplicated sweetness to dishes, something we could all use from time to time.

SHRIMP FRIED RICE

Makes: 4 to 6 servings
Total time: 30 minutes
¼ cup olive oil, plus more as needed
1 pound peeled and deveined medium shrimp, thawed if frozen
Salt
½ teaspoon garlic powder
1 medium onion, diced
1 ½ cups frozen mixed vegetables (any mix of carrots, peas, corn and green beans)
6 cups cooked jasmine or other long-grain white rice, preferably cold and day-old
¼ cup soy sauce, or to taste
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
4 large eggs
Yum yum sauce, for serving
1. Heat a very large nonstick or cast-iron skillet over high. Add the olive oil and shrimp, and sprinkle with salt and the garlic powder. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the shrimp is no longer translucent and begins to turn golden at the edges, 2 to 4 minutes. With a slotted spoon, transfer the shrimp to a plate and set aside.
2. Add the onion and mixed vegetables to the shrumpy oil and cook, stirring occasionally, just until the onion loses its raw edge but is still crunchy, and the vegetables are mostly thawed, 1 to 2 minutes. Add the rice and soy sauce and cook, stirring occasionally, until well combined and the rice begins to crisp underneath where it meets the pan, 5 to 7 minutes. Taste and adjust the seasoning with more soy sauce as needed.

3. Scooch the rice to one side of the pan, lower the heat to medium and melt the butter on the empty side of the pan. Crack the eggs into the melted butter, break the yolks and stir vigorously to scramble the eggs, cooking just until they have set but are still tender, about 1 minute. Stir the soft scrambled eggs into the rice, add the reserved shrimp and any accumulated juices, then remove the pan from the heat.
4. Let the fried rice sit for a few minutes so that it can continue to crisp in the pan’s residual heat. (If you haven’t already made the yum yum sauce, this is the perfect time to do it.)
5. Drizzle most of the yum yum sauce over the fried rice in the skillet, leaving some back, if desired, to serve in a small dish on the side for dipping the shrimp.

YUM YUM SAUCE

Makes: About ¾ cup
Total time: 5 minutes
1 teaspoon garlic powder
½ teaspoon sweet paprika
1 tablespoon warm water
½ cup mayonnaise
¼ cup ketchup
2 teaspoons rice vinegar
1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil
Salt
1. In a medium bowl, stir together the garlic powder, paprika and warm water. Add the mayonnaise, ketchup, rice vinegar and sesame oil, and season generously with salt. Stir until smooth.
2. Yum yum sauce can be refrigerated in an airtight container for up to 5 days.

Melon salad with pork? A sweet and savory yes

By Christopher Kimball
For Associated Press

A summery fruit salad and spicy pork tenderloin might not seem like the most natural pairing — until you consider the precedents of pork chops with apple sauce and Italian prosciutto with melon.

Truth is, cooks have been pairing sweet fruits and savory meats for centuries.

And there’s something about the subtle inherent sweetness of pork tenderloin that makes it a prime candidate.

That’s why we experimented with this recipe from our book

“Milk Street Tuesday Nights,” which limits recipes to 45 minutes or less.

This colorful dish is a study in contrasting flavors and temperatures, sweet cool fruit balancing the warm spice of succulent pork. We draw on the fresh and spicy fruit salads of Mexico to create

a dish of seared and spiced pork paired with cool, crunchy melon and cucumber.

Ground cumin and ancho chile powder add a savory depth to the salad and the spice rub.

For an optional salty, tangy accent, offer crumbled queso fresco at the table for sprinkling.

Be sure not to cut the cooked pork without first letting it rest. Resting allows the juices to redistribute throughout the muscle fibers so they don’t flow out when the meat is cut. That keeps the pork juicy.

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Ultimate Italian treat: Creamy gelato on buttery bun

By Sheela Prakash
TheKitchn.com

My husband and I realized honeymooning in Sicily in the middle of July was a bold move as soon as we saw the brush fires popping up on the highway as we made our way to the hotel from the airport. Steamy was an understatement.

We spent our afternoons lounging poolside, sipping a spritz in between glasses of ice water and suddenly having no excuse not to eat all of the gelato. So, truthfully, it was a dream of a trip.

One of my favorite treats was gelato con brioche. This Sicilian ice cream sandwich is simply a split brioche bun with your choice of creamy gelato. The best part? It's often eaten for breakfast in the hottest months of summer — though, really, it's pretty wonderful anytime of day. Buttery bread may seem like a surprising vehicle for an ice cream sandwich, but the tender bun is the perfect counterpoint to gelato's cooling richness. Make these for your next cookout, and I

can guarantee they'll be a hit.

Choose your brioche wisely

In Sicily, there is a specific type of brioche bun baked exclusively for gelato con brioche. It's generously sized with a small hat, or tuppo, on top. The tuppo is typically pulled off the top of the bun, first, and enjoyed with a bit of the gelato before digging into the full sandwich. Since you likely won't find brioche col tuppo near you, look for sturdy, round brioche buns that you'd typically use for hamburgers at your local bakery or well-stocked grocery store. They should be soft and fresh, but not too squishy. Toasting the split buns in butter not only heightens their flavor, but it also gives them a layer of protection so they don't get soggy from the gelato.

As for the gelato, any favorite flavor will do. In Sicily, pistachio is beloved, as is stracciatella, hazelnut, chocolate and crema, which is a simple egg custard flavor, similar to vanilla without the vanilla flavoring. Whatever pints you pick out, it's hard to go wrong.



Gelato squished between buttery toasted brioche will be a cookout hit. JOEL INGEMAN/THEKITCHN.COM

SICILIAN ICE CREAM SANDWICH

Makes: 6 servings

2 pints gelato, such as pistachio, stracciatella, hazelnut or a combination
6 brioche buns
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
Flaky sea salt

- 1. Let** 2 pints gelato sit at room temperature to soften slightly. Meanwhile, split 6 brioche buns for toasting.
- 2. Melt** 1 tablespoon unsalted butter in a 12-inch heavy-bottomed skillet (preferably cast iron) over medium heat and swirl the pan so the bottom is coated. Add 2 sets of buns cut-side down and cook until toasted and golden brown, 2 to 3 minutes.
- 3. Transfer** to a cutting board cut-side up and sprinkle with a pinch of flaky sea salt. Repeat toasting the remaining buns in two more batches, adding 1 tablespoon unsalted butter to the pan before each batch.
- 4. Let** all the toasted buns cool for 5 minutes. Top each bottom half of the brioche buns with ½ pint of gelato (about 2 scoops). Press the top buns gently on top to adhere and serve immediately.



This colorful dish is a study in contrasting flavors and temperatures. MILK STREET

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CHILE-RUBBED PORK WITH CUCUMBER-MELON SALAD

Makes: 4 servings

Total time: 35 minutes
5 teaspoons ancho chile powder, divided
2 teaspoons ground cumin
Kosher salt and ground black pepper
1-pound pork tenderloin, trimmed of silver skin and cut crosswise into 3 pieces
2 teaspoons lime zest, divided
3 tablespoons lime juice
3 tablespoons light agave syrup, divided
2 cups cubed seedless red watermelon (about 8 ounces)
2 cups cubed cantaloupe (about 8 ounces)
½ English cucumber, halved lengthwise, seeded and cut into bite-size pieces
5 tablespoons roughly chopped fresh mint, divided

2 tablespoons grapeseed or other neutral oil
1. Heat the oven to 450 degrees with a rack in the middle position. In a medium bowl, mix 2 teaspoons of the chile powder, the cumin, 2 teaspoons salt and ½ teaspoon pepper. Add the pork and toss to coat, massaging the seasonings into the meat. Let stand at room temperature for 15 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, in a 10-inch oven-safe skillet over medium, toast the remaining 3 teaspoons chile powder, stirring constantly, until fragrant, 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer to a large bowl and add 1 teaspoon of the lime zest, 2 tablespoons of the lime juice, 2 tablespoons of the agave and 1 teaspoon salt. Stir to dissolve the salt, then add the watermelon, cantaloupe, cucumber and 4 tablespoons of the mint. Toss, then cover and refrigerate until ready to use.
3. In the same skillet over medium-high, heat the oil

until beginning to smoke. Add the pork and cook, turning occasionally, until golden brown on all sides, 3 to 4 minutes total. Move the skillet to the oven and roast until the center of the thickest piece reaches 140 degrees or is just barely pink when cut into, 9 to 12 minutes. Transfer the pork to a plate and let rest for 10 minutes.
4. In a medium bowl, stir together the remaining 1 teaspoon lime zest, the remaining 1 tablespoon lime juice, the remaining 1 tablespoon agave and the remaining 1 tablespoon mint. Cut each piece of pork in half lengthwise, then crosswise into bite-size pieces. Add the pork and any accumulated juices to the bowl and toss to coat.
5. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the melon salad to a serving platter, then top with the pork. Pour the liquid from the melon salad into a small bowl and serve with the melon and pork.

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MORE BREW, LESS BUZZ

For drinkers seeking moderation, low-alcohol beers are bubbling up

By Joshua M. Bernstein
The New York Times

One summer day in 2018, Sean Boisson was washing his car in Sonoma, California, when a bubbly little epiphany arrived. He asked his younger sister, Brittany Rossi, who was helping, if she wanted a second beer — a domestic lager low in alcohol, but not quite low enough. “She was like: ‘No, I’ve got to drive. I can only have one,’” Boisson recalled.

What about a lower-alcohol beer? “I had the spark on a Wednesday, and I quit my job on Friday,” said Boisson, who has worked for SpikedSeltzer and for Vita Coco, a coconut-water brand.

Boisson partnered with a friend, Mathew Rohrs, to found Bella Snow Soft Ale, focusing on ales with no more than 2.4% alcohol by volume, or ABV, about half the strength of a Budweiser. (The federal government lets breweries label beers less than 2.5% “low alcohol.”) “There’s just this completely unexplored space,” said Boisson, who started Bella Snow in June 2020.

American brewing excels at extremes, delivering brawny stouts and IPAs as well as nonalcoholic beers that are growing in quality and sales. But for drinkers seeking a moderate option, not abstinence, breweries are increasingly making compelling beers that weigh in at 2% and 3% alcohol, below the typical 4% floor for light lagers. (Bud Light is 4.2%.)

Jack’s Abby Craft Lagers, in Framingham, Massachusetts, created a series of low-ABV beers it calls the 2% Beer Initiative, and one of the bestsellers at Hermit Thrush Brewery in Brattleboro, Vermont, is Party Guy, a sour ale with an alcohol level of 3%. “I would much rather have two beers and not fall over,” said Christophe Gagne, an owner and



Sean Boisson and Mathew Rohrs are owners of Bella Snow Soft Ale in Sonoma, Calif. RACHEL BUJALSKI/THE NEW YORK TIMES

the brewmaster.

Lower-alcohol beers are stitched into the drinking fabric of Scandinavia and pub-rich England, where taxation increases as alcohol content rises. In the United States, lower-alcohol beers align with the growing popularity of moderate-strength wine and spirits.

“You don’t need to blast people in the face with alcohol,” said Todd DiMatteo, an owner and the brewer of Good Word Brewing & Public House.

American craft brewing is entering its fifth decade, and the industry’s audience is maturing as well. “We’re not surprised that lower-ABV beers are coming of age because, well, millennials are coming of age,” said Lester Jones, chief economist for the National Beer Wholesalers Association.

As people get older and responsibilities stack up, they tend to consume less alcohol. “The 40-year-old liver is not the same as a 25-year-old liver,” said



Temperance, a 3.5% ABV English-inspired dark mild, on tap at Wild East Brewery in the Brooklyn borough of New York. DESMOND PICOTTE/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Garrett Oliver, the brewmaster at Brooklyn Brewery, which introduced Fuzzy Details, a hazy IPA that is 2.5% alcohol, at its taproom in December. Oliver fondly recalled the brewery’s Black Light, a

2.2% stout. “I could have a pint and just go straight to the gym,” Oliver said.

When Luc Lafontaine brews, he doesn’t drink much water. “I drink beer,” said Lafontaine, an owner and the brewmas-

ter of Godspeed Brewery in Toronto. His go-to is Baby Svetly, his Czech-style pale lager that, at 1.5% alcohol, is a warm-weather favorite.

Building quality low-alcohol beer is a balancing act. Brewers must use less malt — the grains supplying the sugars that are fermented into alcohol — and too many hops can create clashing bitterness and flavor. Lafontaine uses imported Czech malt and hops, and carefully adjusts water chemistry. “I want to go as low as 1%,” he said of Baby Svetly’s alcohol level.

One complaint about low-alcohol beers is that they can taste watery. To brew Buzzard, a 3% “hoppy small beer” released earlier this year, Matt Young, director of brewing operations at the Chicago brewery Half Acre, boosted the body with wheat. He also leaned on fragrant hop extracts and Cosmic Punch, a yeast strain that imparts complementary tropical aromas. Buzzard costs \$10.99 for four

16-ounce cans, or \$1 less than several stronger IPAs. “Just because there’s less alcohol doesn’t mean that it was cheaper to produce,” Young said.

Boisson released two versions of Bella Snow Soft Ale, flavored with mandarin or grapefruit, in four-packs of 12-ounce cans sold for \$7.99. “It was a low enough price point where people would try it,” Boisson said, adding that half the return customers are baby-boomer men. After decades of drinking, “they just know they shouldn’t have as much,” he said.

Going low while others go high can also help breweries stand apart. Wild East Brewing, in Brooklyn, conceived Temperance, a 3.5% English-inspired dark mild, as a one-off, “but it sells consistently year-round,” said Brett Taylor, a founder and the head of brewing. Wild East produces other low-alcohol beers, like a 3% farmhouse ale aged in oak. After years of high-intensity beers, “I think this is a natural correction,” Taylor said.

When Cheyne Tessier and his wife, Erika, opened Origin Beer Project in Cranston, Rhode Island, in fall 2020, their first release was Small Victories, a 3.5% Czech-style pale lager aged on oak staves. “No one was doing that in Rhode Island,” said Cheyne Tessier, the brewer.

Strong consumer response led the couple to make lower-alcohol beers that have become central to Origin’s lineup of beers and branding. They have sold sweatshirts proclaiming “low ABV,” and rustic ales like the 2.5% Dystopian Fields, which is seasoned with rose hips, spruce tips and pineapple sage. It delivers a memorable flavor, interesting without being inebriating even if you have a few.

“It’s not about consuming alcohol to get drunk,” Tessier said.



A smoky shrimp feast

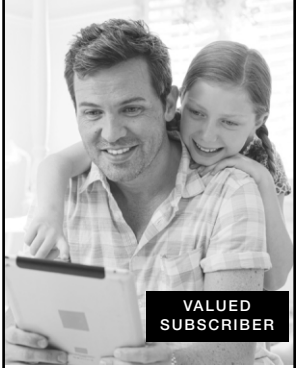
By Devon O’Brien | EatingWell

Grilling gives these shrimp tostadas a boost of smoky flavor. Skewering the shrimp prevents them from falling through the grates while getting even char on each side. If you have a grill basket, you can throw them in that instead; just make sure to get them into a single layer so they don’t steam.

GRILLED SHRIMP TOSTADAS

Makes: 4 servings
Total time: 20 minutes
1 pound peeled and deveined raw shrimp (21-25 count)
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
2 teaspoons chile-lime seasoning
1 teaspoon garlic powder
8 corn tortillas
2 cups shredded cabbage
1 cup guacamole
1 to 2 jalapeño peppers, sliced
1 cup chopped fresh cilantro
Crumbled cotija cheese and sour cream, for serving
1. Preheat grill to medium-high.
2. Toss shrimp with 1 tablespoon oil, 2

teaspoons chile-lime seasoning and 1 teaspoon garlic powder in a large bowl. Thread onto four 12-inch metal skewers. Brush both sides of each tortilla with the remaining 1 tablespoon oil.
3. Grill the shrimp until lightly browned and cooked through, flipping once, about 4 minutes. Grill the tortillas until lightly charred and crispy, flipping once, about 2 minutes.
4. Top the tortillas with cabbage, guacamole, jalapeño and the grilled shrimp. Sprinkle with cilantro and serve with cotija cheese and sour cream, if desired.
Recipe nutrition per serving: 364 calories, total fat: 17 g, saturated fat: 3 g, cholesterol: 183 mg, carbohydrates: 28 g, fiber: 7 g, total sugars: 2 g, protein: 27 g, sodium: 629 mg, potassium: 739 mg, vitamin A: 467 IU



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Fried okra with rémoulade. The classic Southern dish does more than just nourish: It tells a bigger story of the Black American cooks who have preserved its legacy, while creating their own versions. **RYAN LIEBE/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**

FRIED OKRA WITH RÉMOULADE

Makes: 6 to 8 servings
Total time: 40 minutes
For the rémoulade:
1 cup mayonnaise
¼ cup ketchup
3 tablespoons Dijon mustard
1 teaspoon Cajun seasoning, preferably Slap Ya Mama
1 teaspoon white vinegar
1 teaspoon lemon juice
For the fried okra:
2 quarts canola oil, plus more as needed
2 cups buttermilk
2 tablespoons hot sauce, preferably Louisiana Hot Sauce
1 pound fresh okra, stem ends trimmed, cut crosswise into ½-inch pieces (about 3 cups)
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup fine or medium yellow cornmeal
1 tablespoon Cajun seasoning, preferably Slap Ya Mama
1 teaspoon ground cayenne
Sea salt, to taste
1. Make the rémoulade: In a medium bowl, stir together mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, Cajun seasoning, vinegar and lemon juice. (Makes about 1 ½ cups rémoulade.) Cover the sauce and chill it in the fridge until you serve.
2. Prepare the okra: Pour oil into a large pot with high sides and a lid, to a depth of a few inches. Heat oil over medium-high to 350 degrees.
3. While the oil is heating, combine the buttermilk and hot sauce in a large bowl. Place the cut okra into the buttermilk mixture and stir to coat.
4. In a large bowl, stir the flour, cornmeal, Cajun seasoning and cayenne.
5. Working in four separate batches, dredge the soaked okra in the cornmeal mixture using your hands. Shake off the excess flour and place the okra onto a wire baking rack. After one to two dredgings of okra, use your hands or a slotted spoon to sift the flour and cornmeal mixture, removing any clumps. Finish coating the remaining okra.
6. Working in about four batches, making sure to not crowd the pot, fry the okra, stirring frequently, until crispy and golden, about 4 minutes. (Take care not to burn it.)
7. Remove okra using a spider and allow the okra to drain on two plates covered with paper towels. Immediately season okra with sea salt. Serve immediately with the chilled rémoulade.
— *Recipe by Kayla Stewart*

FRIED OKRA, BEYOND THE BATTER

By Kayla Stewart
The New York Times

For the born-and-bred Southerner, few culinary experiences rival the intense satisfaction of biting into perfectly fried okra.

“Whether it was at Sunday dinner, in a cafeteria or in a restaurant, a meal simply wasn’t complete without fried okra,” said Marcus Davis, who owns Kulture, a Southern restaurant in his native Houston, where Black food takes center stage.

For generations, Southerners have boiled and steamed the okra pod, or used it as a nutritious thickener for soups and stews. But it is the fried version that is most beloved. A handful or two of fried okra is often served at restaurants or by home cooks as an appetizer or a side dish.

There’s a familiar structure to it: Textured, forest-green pods are typically sliced into small rounds, coated in a seasoned batter and fried to a cook’s liking (deep- or pan-fried).

PAN-FRIED OKRA

Makes: 4 servings
Total time: 30 minutes
4 cups okra (about 1 ½ pounds)
4 ½ teaspoons salt (any type), plus more to taste
1 ½ cups fine or medium yellow cornmeal, plus more if needed
2 cups vegetable oil, plus more as needed
1. Wash the okra and place aside, leaving the okra slightly wet. Cut the okra crosswise into ½-inch pieces and place in a large bowl. Season the okra with the salt, adding more to taste.
2. Pour the cornmeal over the okra. Using both hands, firmly grip the bowl and shake it until all the okra



pieces are coated. If too dry, add a little water, 1 tablespoon at a time, and, if needed, more cornmeal can be added. Lightly press the

okra with your hands, making sure that the cornmeal sticks to the okra. Toss the okra again. All the pieces should be coated evenly, with a light

layer of cornmeal — but the okra shouldn’t be obscured.
3. In a large cast-iron skillet, heat the oil over medium-high. You can determine if the oil is ready by dropping a pinch of cornmeal into it; the oil should sizzle but not smoke. (If it’s not hot enough, the okra will soak up the oil.)
4. Once the oil is ready, working in two batches to avoid crowding, drop half the okra into the hot oil and cook it, stirring occasionally, for about 5 minutes, until golden and crisp. Using a slotted spoon or spider, remove the okra to a plate covered with a paper towel to drain excess oil. Repeat with remaining okra and serve immediately.
— *Recipe by Kayla Stewart*

What makes fried okra so special is more than how it’s prepared: It’s how the dish reflects the spirit of the Black American cooks who have preserved its legacy, while creating their own versions and interpretations.

“When I see fried okra, I think about the bigger picture of us as Africans

in America,” Davis said. “I think about the trans-Atlantic slave trade. I think about how okra got here, and I think about what the crop means and has meant historically in our nation. I’m hoping that, when people are eating our fried okra, they’re thinking about some of those things, too.”
Some cooks prefer using

frozen cut okra, but for Joseph J. Boudreaux III, a partner in Tipping Point Coffee in Houston, fresh okra yields the best flavor and the best texture.
“Okra is one of my favorite vegetables, so the idea of taking it and turning it into this really flavorful side has always been something I’ve appreciated about our

culture,” he said.
His fried okra also takes cues from his father, Joseph, an avid gardener originally from Breau Bridge, Louisiana.
“The way I see my dad do it, he doesn’t use recipes or anything like that,” the younger Boudreaux said. “It’s always been by feeling. And so that’s essentially

what I did when I made my own fried okra recipe.”
He prioritizes a well-seasoned cornmeal batter — and uses fresh okra from his father’s garden nearby.
“I guess I channeled the ancestors a little bit,” he said.

Dessert is part pancake, part custard

America’s Test Kitchen

This custardy dessert comes from France, where the verb clafir means “to fill.” In other words, clafouti is a dessert filled with fruit.

Because a clafouti is basically a combination of a custard and a pancake, it’s important for it to not have too much flour (it would be too pancake-y) or too many eggs or too much cream (too custardy). Ours strikes a nice balance between the two, especially when studded with fruit.

Clafoutis are traditionally made with cherries; we chose raspberries because they’re easy to find year-round, but you can experiment with seasonal fruit.

When taken straight from the refrigerator, butter is quite firm.

For some baking recipes and many frostings, you need to soften butter before trying to combine it with other ingredients. This is just a fancy term for letting the temperature of butter rise from 35 degrees (its refrigerator temperature) to 65 degrees (cool room temperature).

This takes about 1 hour. But here are two ways to speed things up.

1. Counter method: Cut butter into 1-inch pieces (to



The batter is made from eggs, cream and flour. **ELLE SIMONE/AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN**

create more surface area). Place butter on a plate and wait about 30 minutes. Once butter gives to light

pressure (try to push your fingertip into butter), it’s ready to use.
2. Microwave method:

Cut butter into 1-inch pieces and place on a microwave-safe plate. Heat in microwave at 50% power

for 10 seconds. Check butter with a fingertip test. Heat for another 5 to 10 seconds if necessary.

RASPBERRY CLAFOUTI

Makes: 8 servings
2 large eggs
⅓ cup sugar
1 ¼ teaspoons vanilla extract
⅛ teaspoon salt
¼ cup all-purpose flour
½ cup heavy cream
½ cup whole milk
1 ½ cups raspberries
1 to 2 teaspoons confectioners’ (powdered) sugar, for dusting
1. Adjust oven rack to lower-middle position and heat oven to 425 degrees. Use your fingers to grease a 9-inch pie plate with softened butter. Place the pie plate on a rimmed baking sheet.
2. In a large bowl, whisk eggs, sugar, vanilla and salt until smooth and pale, about 1 minute. Add flour and whisk until smooth, about 30 seconds. Add cream and milk, and whisk until combined.
3. Pour batter into greased pie plate. Sprinkle raspberries evenly over top.
4. Place the baking sheet in the oven. Bake clafouti until it puffs above the edges of the pie plate and turns golden brown (edges will be dark brown), 16 to 20 minutes.
5. Remove the baking sheet from the oven. Place the baking sheet on a cooling rack and let clafouti cool for 30 minutes.
6. Dust clafouti with confectioners’ sugar. Slice into wedges and serve.

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